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IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, God in his infinite wisdom has taken from our midst one of our cherished Founders, Bettie Tipton Lindsey, who died July 19, 1909, at Mt. Sterling, Kentucky,

Be it resolved that in behalf of the fraternity Kappa Alpha Theta, the Grand council of the fraternity herein expresses the fraternity's deep sorrow at the loss our fraternity sustains in the death of this Theta so dear to each one of us, and that we extend to her family our heartfelt sympathy.

Be it further resolved that we bear witness to her loyalty, her sterling character and her devotion to the ideals of her fraternity in which she never lost her interest.

ANNA HARRISON NELSON,
EVA R. HALL,
EDITH D. COCKINS,
L. PEARLE GREEN.

Bettie Tipton was born near Mt. Sterling, Ky. November 6, 1852. She prepared for college in a private school in Mt. Sterling and entered Asbury college (now DePauw university) in the fall of 1869 as a sophomore.

She was one of the four students in Asbury who, upon January 27, 1870, appeared wearing a fraternity badge which formally announced the establishment of Kappa Alpha Theta, the first Greek-letter fraternity for women. Today we can but marvel at the wisdom, cleverness, and inspiration which guided these four young girls in planning this new venture so successfully that today we wear the same badge, cherish the same principles, follow the same forms, and grow along the lines they adopted thirty-nine years ago.

The fraternity early missed the helpful hand of Bettie for in the fall of 1870 she transferred to Millersburg Female college—because her younger sister, just ready for college, refused

to go so far from home as Asbury seemed and the family desired the sisters to be together. Betty was very sorry to leave her chosen alma mater and her fraternity, which greatly missed her cheery presence. She was a brilliant student and received her A.B. from Millersburg college in 1871.

On September 9, 1873, she was married to Mr. John Lindsey. In 1883 they moved to Sturgeon, Mo. which has since been their home. It was while enjoying a visit to her old home at Mt. Sterling that Mrs. Lindsey died, July 19, 1909, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Lindsey was a life long member of the Methodist church South. Though never enjoying good health, she was a devoted daughter, sister, wife, and mother to the motherless. She never neglected duty and will be lovingly remembered for her charities and good deeds.

EIGHTEENTH GRAND CONVENTION

GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The applause which followed the granting of three charters at our Friday morning Convention session rings in our ears as we welcome with most loyal enthusiasm Alpha Nu, Alpha Xi and Alpha Omicron. As Theta history starts for our Montana, Oregon and Oklahoma groups our best wishes go to them. May each year be full of richest fraternity happiness! The fraternity will follow these new pages of her history with keenest interest and most loyal confidence. To these chapters may I say that one of the anticipations of the 1911 Convention which has already presented itself is your welcome from the fraternity, a welcome which you will be present to receive and so a more complete one than the long distance welcome from Chicago. You are a part of Kappa Alpha Theta now, with all that this means to you and to us. We greet you with deepest love and trust.

To all chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta my message, following so closely upon the Convention days, associates itself nat-



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urally with Convention activity. In reviewing the busy, happy days in Chicago, my first thoughts link themselves to the opening session and especially to the beautiful letter of greeting from Ednah Wickson Kelly. You who were at the Chicago Beach remember that she spoke of the inspiration she had received from Conventions. As I read her lines, my heart echoed the words, "If I could only be worthy!" It is with this thought that I send my message to you now, and I pledge to you my very best efforts during these two years.

The Eighteenth Biennial Grand Convention is a closed chapter but its influence is at the initial stage. Let us determine that all the inspiration which it offered will be used to the fraternity's truest advancement. Let each delegate, active and alumna, see that she gives to her chapter the very richest returns. During Convention, did you not wish that every member of your chapter were present? Transmit as much of the inspiration as possible. You have given your formal Convention reports long before this, and the Minutes are in your hands. Put the vital touch into these Minutes by your personal paraphrase of them. Tell why all rulings were adopted and the circumstances which introduced any suggestions. Consider that you received a sacred trust from your chapter, when you were given the greatest honor the chapter could bestow, in being sent as a delegate to Convention, and fulfill this trust with greatest helpfulness.

Your Grand council wishes every member of Kappa Alpha Theta to feel that we belong to you. Let us all, active, alumnae, and council, work for two years of wisest development.

ANNA HARRISON NELSON.

THE BUSINESS OF CONVENTION.

It is very difficult to enumerate the actual legislation and initiatory activities of a convention in a manner which will reveal their true significance or show the genuine accomplishments of convention. There is great value in the exchange of

views, the suggestions of new lines of activity, the friendliness, the social intercourse of alumnae and of active Western, Eastern, Foreign and Southern college types—all those intangible but vital parts of a convention, it is quite beyond the range of possibility to transcribe into printed words. Those privileged to attend a convention can read these things into the following summary of convention work. For those so unfortunate as to be without convention experience, the picture must be filled in by the more fortunate.

What is the most important action of the eighteenth biennial convention? As that depends upon the momentary point of view and the experience of the future, I shall not venture to answer, nor shall I follow the sequence of legislation from session to session in this résumé.

There were three college charters and one alumnae charter granted at convention. Upsilon alumnae, San Francisco, was chartered by the pre-convention Grand council meeting and was so fortunate as to have a representative present to act as delegate throughout the convention.

College extension occupied our attention for an entire session. Here amidst great enthusiasm, charters were granted at Oregon, Montana and Oklahoma state universities. Eight petitioning groups were refused further consideration and six petitioners were referred to the incoming administration for further investigation. The frank discussion of all phases of extension and the presentation in detail of reports by those who had personal knowledge of petitioners was most satisfactory. It proved the wisdom of action on charters at convention, where considerations of time make it at all expedient to wait for the assembling in convention.

Under the Scholarship fund comes the benefit entertainment, which everyone enjoyed, and the progressive Scholarship legislation. By this last, the accumulated principle for our graduate fellowship is to be used for undergraduate loan scholarships. The fund is large enough to provide for at least eight under-

graduate scholarships this college year. The number will steadily increase with the growth of the fund. Under this plan, when the fund has reached the figures set as its goal, it may maintain each year one graduate fellowship and some one hundred undergraduate loan scholarships. This practical, immediate profit from the fund should result in great interest and more generous contributions, while achieving its great purpose of enabling our members to remain in college until their degrees are earned.

Reorganization within the fraternity was carefully considered by convention. Some radical changes in organization resulted. For effective executive action, our large, scattered Grand council has presented grave difficulties—yet the growth of the fraternity demands more districts which, under the existing plan, meant a still larger council. It was decided that district presidents shall no longer be members of the Grand council—these vice-presidents being replaced by one Grand vice-president who shall have direct charge of extension and of alumnae organization and interests. Since with the growth of the fraternity and with the extension of our activities in many lines, the amount of work required from each officer has increased enormously, it was deemed that the time had now arrived when Kappa Alpha Theta should concentrate as much detail as possible in one office and attach a salary to said office sufficient to demand the entire time of the member chosen for this work. For the present, the consolidation throws this work into the office of the Grand secretary and—for financial reasons—a temporary combination of the offices of secretary and editor was made.

The fraternity was redistricted along geographical and inter-college association lines. There are now nine districts. At the head of each district is a district president, who for the present is the one inspector—or district visitor—within her district. With the coherent district we obtain an appreciable decrease in the cost of chapter inspection. By these smaller districts and

by the relieving of district presidents from all labors incident to extension, we hope to make it possible for a district president to keep in closer touch with the life and work of her chapters than was possible in the larger district and we also hope to cultivate the close, personal relations among chapters that characterized the early history of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Much thought was given to alumnae extension and the related subject of keeping in touch with all members of the fraternity. In the future a private number of our Journal will keep all subscribers posted on the whys and wherefores of our problems and work. In December of each year the Grand secretary will prepare an annual report which, through the college chapters, will be sent to every Theta. The semi-annual Grand council reports will be replaced by bimonthly bulletins throughout the college year. Any Theta may, upon request and the payment of postage, receive these bimonthly bulletins. The duties of the alumnae secretary in a college chapter were enlarged and defined, while the Grand council was empowered to appoint such alumnae secretaries for inactive chapters.

Of our Journal, four archive files, with as many chapters will be the future plan. The Grand council was authorized to establish a central Journal exchange for the completion of chapter files.

The insignia legislation of last convention was embodied in permanent form. It was deemed expedient, in the light of experience, to commission two more stationers, one in the middle West and one on the Pacific coast—and also to commission a Pacific coast jeweler. The coat of arms may henceforth be engraved upon metal, thus greatly enhancing the usefulness of this handsome insignia.

Of course the constitution came in for its usual share of attention. Changes were necessary to conform to our reorganization. A careful effort was made to accurately define the standard of scholarship which the fraternity demands in its college chapters.

Throughout the beautiful exemplifications of the ritualistic afternoon, much material for discussion was placed before the chapters. This should furnish the next convention—will it be a California or a Pittsburg convention?—the means for effective legislation along several lines.

The various conferences for delegates with similar conditions to encounter, and the district reunions and conventions, through their informality, furthered the intimate personal exchange of experiences that is impossible in the larger, more formal convention sessions. The value of these features was so obvious that they should become convention fixtures.

As I look back upon these convention days, it is to realize how free and full discussion was. No action was hurried. No vote was taken until each one had had opportunity to express her thought and to think over the proposed legislation. May the Committee-of-the-whole sessions be always with us!

Though I did not venture to estimate the comparative value of the acts of the eighteenth biennial Grand convention, I do venture to characterize that convention. That convention understood the problems before it; courageously it faced these problems; fearlessly it adopted untried methods in the hope of solving the problems; and it gave to officers, chapters and individual Thetas an appreciation and loyalty that will make this convention always memorable as a convention permeated with fraternity unity, ideals and trust.

L. PEARLE GREEN, *Grand secretary.*

THE SOCIAL CONVENTION

Have you ever been to a Theta Convention? If not, do not allow another opportunity to pass. How my heart leaped with joy as I entered the Chicago Beach Hotel on the morning of June 29. The lobby was filled with girls who had come from the far West and East and even as far South as Tennessee and Texas, to attend the eighteenth Biennial Convention of Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity.

Such smiling faces and cordial greetings I never saw! To have the grip given you by scores of sisters makes you glad that you are living and gladder still that you are a Theta. In every bosom upon which our little kite rests, you may be assured of a true and loving spirit. This was my second convention. Four years ago at Philadelphia and this summer at Chicago, my impression is the same, and that is, that Theta signifies all that is noblest and best, with an undying loyalty to her ideals.

Conventions have two distinct features, viz, business and social. It is my privilege to tell you something of the social side of our recent Convention in Chicago. The first night after our arrival an informal reception was held on the main floor of the hotel. Here girls from various chapters met and got acquainted. It doesn't take long for Thetas, though they may never have seen each other, to feel that they are old friends. The next morning, June 30, the girls were up bright and early, feeling that our stay in Chicago was to be only too short. The day was filled with work.

Our president, Mrs. Nelson, announced a "stunt party" to be given that evening. There was to be an admission fee, the amount not being stipulated. This made it a free-will offering. The proceeds were given to the "Scholarship Fund."

In the evening, girls were scattered in groups all through the corridors and cosy corners of the hotel chatting and exchanging impressions and experiences. We found it hard to separate even at a late hour for we hadn't counted on spending much of our four days sojourn in Chicago in sleep. It's wonderful how the excitement and pleasure of it all can keep one going with very little rest between times.

The Σ X fraternity was also having convention in Chicago and they had planned a boat trip for us on the afternoon of July 1. What a picture—with two hundred and fifty women marching through the streets of Chicago down to the boat landing, where as many men were waiting to greet us with

cheers. The large steamer was filled almost to overflowing. A trip on the lake was a new experience to many of our party. Souvenir boxes of candy tied with Σ X colors, blue and gold, were distributed generously among the crowd so that every girl was left with a sweet taste in her mouth. Frappé was served and dancing was popular. Many of the party, however, who were unaccustomed to lake trips remained on deck watching with keen interest the white caps and the dash of the waves against the ship.

On our return we hastened to our rooms to make preparations for the Theta dance which was given that evening. The dance hall was beautifully decorated with garlands of Wisteria entwined gracefully about the pillars and over the chandeliers. On the walls were college and fraternity pennants and banners. The hall was filled with couples dancing and above the sound of voices was heard the dreamy waltz music.

At midnight the frolic was over, the guests had gone and the girls went to their rooms to talk over the pleasures of the day.

But the best is yet ahead. Friday comes. It is the last day but not the least in enjoyment, because it concludes with the banquet which is the crowning feature of convention.

The day was strenuous from beginning to end. Left over business had to be gotten in good shape. The program was a full one and everybody was feeling somewhat fatigued, more perhaps from the heat than from actual work.

That night just as we were entering the banquet hall a storm came up. But neither the lightning's flash, the thunder's crash, nor the lake's groans, as her mighty waves dashed upon the shore, could dampen the ardor and enthusiasm of our last social gathering. The elements were only joining with us in our celebration.

After a menu of ten courses, everybody was in a good humor and ready to hear the sparkling toasts that were awaiting our attention. The officers were seated at a table running north and south and raised some two feet above the floor, while the

delegates were seated at four long tables running east and west.

Mrs. Justina Leavitt Wilson, as toastmistress, presided with grace and dignity. As the roll was called, the delegates responded by giving the yells of their respective colleges. This livened up things considerably and it was interesting to see with what spirit the girls entered into this. In fact, there was some rivalry as to who could make the most "fuss."

Do you recall the verse printed on the program under Mrs. Wilson's name. It read like this:

"I'll be merry and free
I'll be sad for nae-body;
If nae-body cares for me
I'll care for nae-body."

The sentiment of this verse was stamped on every countenance. A happier and more independent lot of girls you never saw. One of the most delightful features of the banquet was the singing of Miss Alta Miller, whom we are proud indeed to claim as one of our own. Rarely do you find one so gifted who is willing to give so generously of the pleasures of her singing. The group of songs, so full of loyalty and sentiment, put us in a thoughtful frame of mind and prepared us for the toasts that followed.

Each toast seemed "the best," but the one from our baby chapter, Alpha Mu, was especially good. If all of our babies are as bright and promising as this one, we need have no fear of Theta's future.

During the course of the banquet, telegrams were read from the three applying groups to whom charters had been granted on the morning of the last day. You should be interested in reading these messages. Certainly all chapters that have recently been admitted into the fold will read them with a feeling of sympathetic joy.

Though seven charters have been granted since Alpha Eta's admission to Kappa Alpha Theta, she still remembers the thrill of supreme happiness in the words, "Charter granted

Alpha Eta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. Congratulations. Signed, L. Pearle Green." So then I'm sure that some of you, at least, will be glad to read the following telegrams that came in reply to the granting of the three new charters:

MISSOULA, MONT. July 2d.

"Theta Phi expresses to Grand council sincere appreciation of being admitted to Kappa Alpha Theta."

NORMAN, OKLA. July 2d.

"Oklahoma girls in Seventh Heaven. Are receiving congratulations on all sides. Deeply appreciate honor."

PORTLAND, ORE. July 2d.

"With love and greeting from the happiest girls on earth. Beta Epsilon."

Great cheers went up at the reading of these messages. How proud we are to have our kite flying high over these three Western colleges! With girls so full of enthusiasm and love, we feel sure that our ideals are in safe keeping.

During the banquet Mrs. Wilson took a census of convention attendance. The results were interesting. For one hundred and forty-six Thetas present, this was their first convention; forty had attended two conventions; twelve had been present at three biennials; four had been privileged to attend four such gatherings; two had attended five conventions and to Mrs. Norton belonged the unique distinction of presence at six Grand conventions of Kappa Alpha Theta.

The question that holds our interest at present is, "Where is our next Convention to be held?" Many of us are hoping that the call of the Western girls will be answered. Have you forgotten the cordial invitation that rang out from the throats of 22 California Thetas in these words:

"Oh come answer now the Western call,
Thetas throughout the land,
And when Convention meets again,
Come swell California's band.

Oh come join hands in our Theta chain,
Sisters from Sea to Sea,

Phi and Omega will welcome you
In true fraternity."

Many former officers had sent greetings and regrets at their absence from convention. Those from Anna Fitch Shaw, one of our founders, Myra Post Cady, Mary Titus, Edith Bell, Ednah Wickson Kelly and Marion Whipple Garrettson had been read in convention sessions.

At the banquet, we had messages from Grace Caldwell Chamberlain, Adelaide Hoffman Marvin, Philena Skinner Peck, Ora Newcomer Shirk, Caroline Sargent Walter, Lenore Hanna Cox, Mary Hoyt Brown, Harriet Funck Miller, Harriet Haskell MacDonald, Josephine Barnaby, Mary McLean Olney, Florence Bransby, Grace Eagelson, Aurelie Reynaud.

The banquet closed with the loving-cup song whose chorus sounded forth from every throat:

"Then let the loving-cup go round,
That cup with joyous memories crown'd,
Though one by one old friends must part,
Still Theta love shall rule each heart."

As the last notes died upon the air, we turned reluctantly to leave the banquet hall. The next morning our eighteenth convention was a thing of the past and many were making plans to meet at the next one.

Alpha Eta sincerely hopes that California's invitation will be accepted and that we will have there the largest attendance in the history of our fraternity. STELLA SCOTT VAUGHN.

THE STUNT PARTY

"A little nonsense, now and then,
Is relished by the wisest men."

Those of us who were at the Convention feel that this old saying ought to be supplemented to read "and women." As I look back at the Convention, after the lapse of the summer, I find that the Stunt Party remains clearly in my memory. I remember it especially because it was new, because it was

clever, and above all because it earned a fairly respectable sum for the scholarship fund.

As many who will read this article were not fortunate enough to be present at the Convention, I shall tell briefly what this novel feature of our week at the Chicago Beach Hotel was. A member of Delta Alumnae chapter had for some time treasured the idea of giving at the Convention some sort of entertainment to which a small admission could be charged—the proceeds to go to the scholarship fund. At first we of Delta Alumnae discussed the feasibility of giving a play. Time and talent seemed not to be readily found, however, so a somewhat less pretentious entertainment was undertaken. Each chapter was asked to state whether it would have any “stunt-doers” at the Convention, and, if so, what “stunts” they could furnish. The chapters responded readily and coöperated cheerfully with the result that a sort of vaudeville party was arranged. Those who saw the dance of the McGinties given by some girls from Delta, and heard the Eta Medley and the Herpicide Song done by members of Eta will agree with me, I am sure, that our Convention was enlivened and greatly entertained by the efforts of those and the other bright girls who made one evening charming for us.

The thought came to me that the “stunt party,” or some novelty like it, ought to be made a permanent feature of our Conventions—at least until the necessary sum shall have been raised for the scholarship fund. Our first attempt at appearing in public on the stage was successful. Why not interest all the chapters, and prepare a more elaborate entertainment for the next gathering of the clans? The actual arrangements might be placed in the hands of a committee, and all correspondence from the chapters sent to them. We are all anxious to see the scholarship fund grow, and everyone is delighted to give her ten or twenty-five cents to help it grow—especially when she gets more than ten or twenty-five cents worth of fun in return.

I feel that we owe a vote of thanks to those girls who took part in the "stunts" last summer and I hope that their pioneer efforts may be rewarded by their seeing the "stunt party" established as a regular feature of conventions to come.

ANNA ELIZABETH DRUMMOND, *Delta Alumnae*.

DISTRICT REUNIONS

GAMMA DISTRICT

Most of us were aware that Gamma District made more of a showing at Convention than her number of chapters would seem to warrant; to some of us it appeared that she was secretly very proud of herself; but not everybody knew of the picnic she had.

It was after that very warm and very arduous ritualistic afternoon. Some twenty members of Phi, Omega and Alpha Lambda—especially Phi—met about half-past five and strolled through Jackson Park in the cool of the late afternoon. They usurped a grassy spot under a big elm near the lake—the man who sprinkles the lawns had kindly overlooked that bit—and proceeded to feast upon such delectable things as sandwiches, deviled eggs and pickles.

Gamma District was glad she was little enough to have a picnic and felt that she deserved the envy of every other district on the map.

It was an hour of complete relaxation from the plentiful and pressing affairs of the eighteenth biennial and remains in the minds of some of us as one of the most pleasant memories of that happy week.

Each of our nine little new districts ought to have a picnic before they grow too big.

JESSIE M. MACFARLAND.

DELTA DISTRICT

A crowd of happy expectant girls gathered in the Louis Quatorze room, after the enjoyable stunt party, the second night of the convention. To most of us a District Reunion

was a novelty and we were eager to see what was going to happen. We soon learned however, that there was no set form for District Reunions, so we spent our time getting acquainted.

After we were all seated, a few upon chairs, most of us on the floor, a rumbling, bumping noise was heard coming down the hall straight to our door—the first thing we knew, in came a piano pushed by a few “chocolate drops” who were so numerous around the hotel. In a jiffy Theta song books appeared from apparently nowhere—someone sat down at the piano and Theta songs burst forth.

Ere long Rho was called upon to sing some of the songs originated by their chapter, which have already become famous—for who went home from the convention without—“To me it does not seem overly bright, to fly with an Arrow instead of a Kite” ringing in their ears?

Alpha Theta kept the fun going by the presentation of a touching dialogue. Prone upon the floor lay Stella—dead apparently to the world. Leta kneeling at her side implored her in heartrending tones to “Speak, speak to me darling.” The silent one arose slightly from the floor and with a haughty look and a stony voice bid her a cold, “How do you do?” and relapsed into a state of non-existence.

After this came a scene from Romeo and Juliet enacted by one of Tau’s girls, at the end of which she stabbed herself with a hat pin—in a pin cushion suspended over her heart.

The next thing we knew Kappa and Alpha Mu were exchanging friendly but deafening yells and deadly threats as to the fate of their respective football teams when next they twisted the Tigers Tail.

Peace was soon restored and as the piano struck up, “Theta had a little goat,” we all fell in lock step marching round and round, closer and closer together, until as a solid body we sat down—but alas, some one lost her balance and we fell pell-mell into a heap upon the floor.

The hour of midnight approached, so we bid a fond “Adieu”

to our kind friends and went off to our rooms feeling that we had gotten a glimpse into the chapter life and now knew personally every girl in our district.

ANNE PALMER FISHER.

VISITING A DISTRICT CONVENTION

After the stunt entertainment on Wednesday evening we came forth from the large ball room, each making her way to the smaller convening room in which her district was to hold its reunion. Accepting the cordial invitation of a group of Delta girls to come along with them, to their reunion I went, very glad for such an excellent opportunity to become more closely acquainted with the girls of another district.

The Delta reunion proved to be a very informal continuation of the stunt entertainment from which we had just come, and such clever, side-splitting performances as I was regaled with! These were supplemented with favorite Kappa Alpha Theta songs. Little wonder that I came away with the impression that the Delta girls were a most genial group.

In a good play well given the constituent parts so blend together to make the whole that the spectator is not conscious of them until he has had time to reflect. So it was with me at the Delta reunion. Not until it was over did I realize that this was not *one* large chapter but a gathering together of many, so satisfying was the spirit of unity and good-will which prevailed.

EMMA WEITZ, *Eta*.

(We are assured that Alpha and Beta districts also had reunions but these gatherings must remain shrouded in mystery, since all efforts to secure accounts of these functions have been fruitless.—*Editor*.)

WHO'S WHO AT CONVENTION

Comparison of the "Attendance register," the records of the credentials committee, and the autograph register with the Information bureau, shows 245 members of Kappa Alpha Theta

present at the eighteenth biennial Grand convention. The attendance by chapters follows. 5 names (affiliates) are counted twice. Tau, 31; Delta, 25; Phi, 19; Psi, 17; Upsilon, Eta, 16 each; Alpha, 14; Kappa, 12; Gamma, 9; Alpha Delta, Alpha Eta, Alpha Iota, 8 each; Rho, 7; Iota, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Kappa, 6 each; Alpha Mu, 5; Beta, Mu, Chi, Alpha Beta, Alpha Lambda, 4 each; Epsilon, Sigma, Alpha Zeta, 3 each; Lambda, Omega, Alpha Theta, 2 each; Alpha Epsilon, Ohio Gamma, 1 each.

Of these 245 members, there were 60 now identified with alumnae chapters. Delta alumnae, 24; Iota alumnae, 5; Zeta alumnae, 4; Beta alumnae, Gamma alumnae, Epsilon alumnae, Omicron alumnae, 3 each; Alpha alumnae, Sigma alumnae, Xi alumnae, 2 each; 9 other alumnae chapters, 1 each.

OFFICERS 1909-11

The members of the Grand council need no introduction to the fraternity, for each one of them has been honored and trusted by call to fraternity service in former administrations.

Mrs. Nelson, Grand president, ably filled that office from 1907-09 and as a national worker has also served as chairman of the Education committee, 1905-06, and as president of Delta district, 1903-05.

Miss Green, the reelected Grand secretary and newly elected Editor, has held the former office for several years. She has also served as president of Gamma district.

Miss Cockins, again chosen Grand treasurer, has had charge of our finances since the fall of 1902 when she assumed the duties of this office left vacant by the unexpected and much regretted death of Mary Scott, Grand treasurer. At that time Miss Cockins was also Editor of our magazine.

Miss Hall, the first to be elected to the consolidated office of Grand vice-president, was president of Delta district, 1907-09. She was chairman of the local committee to arrange for the 1907 convention.

Among the new district presidents are a number of names familiar to all the fraternity—others are just beginning their national work. Each one is well equipped for the duties of her office and eager to give of her time and talents for the development of her district and the advancement of Kappa Alpha Theta.

PRESIDENT ALPHA ALPHA DISTRICT.

Miss Clara Carson received the degree of Ph. B. from Syracuse university in 1906. For two years after graduation she taught history in secondary schools. Then she became assistant in the history department at Syracuse university. In June 1909, she received her master's degree. During 1907-09 she served most efficiently on the Education committee of the fraternity. She was Nu alumnae's delegate to the last convention.

PRESIDENT OF ALPHA BETA DISTRICT.

Miss Mary W. Titus graduated from Swarthmore college in 1894 with the degree of B. L. She has served Gamma alumnae as treasurer for two years, as president for three years, as delegate to the Madison convention in 1897, as delegate to the Chicago convention in 1907. During 1907-09 she most proficiently performed the arduous work of chairman of the Education committee.

PRESIDENT OF BETA ALPHA DISTRICT.

Miss Ida Overstreet of this district graduated from DePauw university, class '06, degree A. B. In Alpha chapter she has successively held all the important offices. At present she is at her home in Greencastle, devoting a part of her time to the study of music. At the 1909 convention she was the official delegate of Alpha alumnae of which she is one of the most enthusiastic members.

PRESIDENT OF BETA BETA DISTRICT.

Charlotte Hall Walker took the A. B. degree from the University of Michigan in 1900. From 1907-09 she was Editor of our Journal. Besides her work in the fraternity, she has

maintained an active interest in college affairs. In the absence of Dean Jordan last winter, she acted as Dean of women of the University of Michigan and was also chairman of the Advisory committee for the Women's athletic field. She has been greatly interested in seeking employment for girls who are working their way through the university.

PRESIDENT OF DELTA ALPHA DISTRICT.

Clara E. Fanning is an alumna of Upsilon chapter and a member of Beta alumnae. She graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1901 and took the M. A. degree in 1903. For nearly five years now she has edited the *Book Review Digest*. In 1905-07, as editor of our Kappa Alpha Theta Journal, she gave to the fraternity the benefit of her fine editorial experience. She has attended one district convention and the past four national conventions, twice as delegate.

PRESIDENT OF DELTA BETA DISTRICT.

Martha Cline Huffman (Mrs. Y. B.) is a member of Rho chapter. She graduated, A.B. from Nebraska state university in 1906. In 1905 she was Rho's delegate to the Grand convention. As an alumna she has kept in close touch with fraternity interests.

PRESIDENT OF DELTA GAMMA DISTRICT.

We regret to announce that the important position of president of this district has not yet been filled. We shall hope to introduce this president in our January number.

PRESIDENT OF GAMMA ALPHA DISTRICT.

Jessie Macfarland received an A. B. degree from Nebraska state university in 1900. Though a member of Rho chapter, she has been so identified with the interests of Theta in California that both Phi and Omega feel she belongs on their rolls. In 1907 she represented Iota alumnae at convention. At that convention she was elected president of Gamma district. During Miss Macfarland's term as president of Gamma district, the district at least quadrupled its geographic boundaries and

more than doubled its size—adding three college chapters—at the state universities of Washington, Montana and Oregon—and two alumnae chapters—at Seattle and San Francisco. Miss Macfarland has the unique distinction of having acted as installing officer for three college chapters—all within her district formerly but now, with Seattle alumnae, forming the new Gamma Beta district, while Miss Macfarland's district shrinks to its original size—"just California."

PRESIDENT OF GAMMA BETA DISTRICT.

From Delta chapter comes the president of this district, Josephine Meissner. She received the degree B. L. S. '06, from Illinois state university. She is now the circulation librarian at Washington state university. Miss Meissner was one of the Thetas most interested in the establishment of Alpha Lambda chapter in Washington state university. She has been a most helpful friend through all the beginning days of this chapter. She was a charter member of Omicron alumnae and is now secretary and corresponding editor for that chapter.

OUR FIRST CONVENTION

Do you remember your first dish of ice cream, how delicious it was, and yet what a queer feeling the eating of it gave you? Somehow, that was the way I felt at Convention this summer, with my first taste of National Thetahood. How good it all was, yet there was a sensation within me that must have been the pent up feeling of gladness, of gratitude to those in Theta who so heartily welcomed us from a new chapter. To us, who for several years had, perforce, been bound to our own small group, Convention brought forcibly to mind the thought that the best of womanhood all over our land we could now call Sister. The enthusiasm and loyalty of those grown gray in Theta was inspiration sufficient for us to bring back to Alpha Lambda Chapter. More than ever now we feel as Miss Hall at the Convention banquet said, "Once a Theta, always a Theta, everywhere a Theta."

NELLIE MAE DUNLAP.

Treasured and lying deepest in my memory of the eighteenth biennial convention, is the feeling that came over me as we took up the matter of charters on Friday of that week.

It was our last day together and each day had brought a deeper love for every girl who upholds Theta ideals; it had brought to me the real girls, that before had rested in my imagination. And as I sat there hearing the characteristics ascribed to the petitioning girls, I weighed them with the girls around me and for the first time, fully realized the value of the mark that we had been given and of the stamp that had so recently been placed upon us.

A keen desire came over me to draw all Alpha Mu into this body that they too might see the real and lay aside the image. But this was impossible—so the suggestion presented itself from this desire—why can't neighboring chapters visit each other more frequently and learn the life of each other? Can't we advise a method or at least an encouragement by which members of each chapter can learn to know the life of its neighbor? Only by this plan can all Thetas have the privilege of knowing other chapters and of making the imaginative the real.

EFALE BROWN.

The thing that surprised and impressed me most was the large attendance of Theta alumnae, and the interest and enthusiasm that they displayed. Although many have been out of college for years, their loyalty, which has no bounds, brought them to convention.

I have often wondered if, when the college doors are closed upon us, our fraternity will mean as much to us as it does now. This question no longer puzzles me, for the enthusiasm of the alumnae Thetas has convinced me that our loyalty will not cease. The presence of so many Thetas made our meetings more dignified and their splendid ideas helped to solve the difficult problems that confronted us.

JEANNETTE DALL, *Alpha Lambda*.

CONVENTION AFTERMATH

ALPHA NU INSTALLATION

The Installation of Alpha Nu Chapter at the University of Montana on July sixteenth, established a new outpost for Kappa Alpha Theta in the great northwest.

This university is the smallest that Kappa Alpha Theta has entered in many years and yet it offers an exceptional field for fraternity work. It is a new university, in a new country of vast possibilities and very progressive inhabitants, who are ready to develop their educational institutions until they can claim equality with the best in the country.

Fraternity life in the university is not as yet extensive. There are chapters of only two fraternities among the men, Sigma Chi established in 1906 and Sigma Nu in 1907.

The women students have only one, besides our own Alpha Nu—a chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma established early in 1909.

These two chapters are to be envied the great opportunities that are open to them in this untried field. What may they not accomplish in the development of the fraternity idea; in aiding the growth of their university; in raising the type of woman students in improving the effect and scope of her work and in the effect and influence of their own chapter life?

Each of these groups has a suite of rooms in the dormitory, in place of a chapter house. The opportunities this situation gives for working with and for the non-fraternity girl, are unlimited. Let us hope that here in this young university where the clean, broad-minded, open-hearted spirit of the west prevails, that these two chapters, representing such strong national organizations and standing for such high ideals, may avoid the selfish tendencies and the petty complications which so often arise among fraternity women and that they may stand together for what is broadest, truest and highest, to the honor of their fraternities and to the lasting appreciation of their college and state.

The local Theta Phi which has become Alpha Nu chapter was organized in 1906, and has had a very prosperous existence. Her membership has not been large owing to the small size of the university, but has been most congenial and of a very uniform type. I wish that every Theta in the land might know each one of them—might see for herself what fine strong girls this big northwest can produce and how big a factor in our organization they are bound to prove.

There have been only twenty-six members of Theta Phi in all. Of these, twelve are still in college, ten have graduated, only three have dropped out without finishing and one has died.

There were seven founders, four of whom were present at the installation. Eloise Knowles, their faculty member, who has been a tower of strength to them all, had gone east for a year's study and was greatly missed by all of us, especially as the installation was held at the Knowles home. But Stella Duncan and Mary Fergus, both dignified school teachers of two years standing, were there and Minta McCall, who is now Mrs. Bonner; Mrs. Kelly came up from Butte with a big brown eyed baby under one arm, just as full of enthusiasm and fun and earnestness as when she was simply Frances Nuckolls.

Fan Hathaway, Lucy and Carrie Hardenburg, who live in Missoula, and Helen Goddard from Helena, graduated in 1908. Marie Freeser was the only graduate of last spring, and her place in the chapter will be hard to fill. These eight graduates were initiated. Of the active girls, three had been temporarily out of school, one was unable to come to Missoula at the time, so there are just eight active Thetas to enter college this fall. But in so small a university, with the aid of town alumnae and the four former members who have not yet been initiated, these eight will be able to accomplish a very great deal.

Florence Cattin and Effie Cordy will be seniors, Annabelle Robertson, Isma Eidell, Lillian Williams, Lucile Marshall and Fay Foster (if she is able to be back) will be juniors and Fay Wright will be the only sophomore.

The week preceding that most important day of July sixteenth was a very busy one in the small town of Missoula. The Flathead Indian Reservation was just being opened to homesteaders and as Missoula was the headquarters for the "run" great excitement, much prosperity and hordes of men were everywhere in evidence. But even in the midst of all this the coming of a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta to their university was welcomed with the kindest interest and the most gracious hospitality by the people of Missoula.

Mrs. J. B. Bonner's large comfortable house as well as her carriage and her daughter's machine, were entirely at our disposal and Mrs. Knowles was equally kind—even eager to foresee our needs. Our gratitude and appreciation were great and must be thus publicly expressed.

The days were spent together in joyful preparation, interspersed with the numerous drives and parties with which a guest in Missoula is always so overwhelmingly honored and which culminated in a delightful afternoon at the home of Mrs. Spottswood where all the members of Theta Phi, their patronesses and immediate friends met as a sort of farewell to their local organization.

The next day was spent by a few of us in the hard work of final preparations and the installation began at seven o'clock. Afterwards seventeen happy Thetas drove in a big carry-all across the river into town where at "Ye Old Inn" a banquet was waiting for us in a narrow mirror-lined room. Smilax and pansies were everywhere and in the center of the table the immense basket of candy tied with black and gold ribbons which had come from Spokane with the congratulations of Sigma Chi.

Other congratulations, notes and telegrams were read and finally we came to the "speech-making." After Annabelle Robertson's charming response to the welcome, Stella Duncan told of the beginnings of "Theta Phi" and was followed by Frances Nuckolls Kelly in an interesting account "From Theta Phi to Theta" and then by Jessie Macfarland on "Kappa Alpha

Theta." Minta McCall Bonner spoke on "Days Past," Marie Freeser on "Days Present" and Fay Wright on "Days to Come." These toasts, with songs and much informal talking carried us far into the early morning hours.

Early the next day, the first chapter meeting was held, for our time was somewhat limited. In the afternoon the Montana chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma welcomed us into the Greek world of the university with a tea at the delightful home of Mrs. Tole.

That same evening we met again at Mrs. Bonner's, for a long talk in the twilight before the departure of the old Thetas who came to make new Thetas and who went away confident that this new chapter will ever justify the trust Kappa Alpha Theta has thus shown.

JESSIE M. MACFARLAND.

ALPHA XI INSTALLATION

It is somehow hard to think of Alpha Xi as a very new chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. Oregon itself has such an air of stability and conservatism, the university has been so long established and for so long this group of girls has seemed to live according to the actual aims and policies of Theta itself, that there is nothing really new about them. The installation was merely a growth from their former status.

And when in Portland on the morning of July nineteenth, sixteen Thetas met to perfect plans and to talk over the new chapter that they were to install, it seemed that the girls of Beta Epsilon ought to be there planning with us—we felt so strongly that they were already Thetas in spirit. For this reason the installation was particularly inspiring and gratifying, to us all.

These sixteen enthusiastic workers were Maude Cleveland, Frances Gill, Dorothy Moore and Bernice Bronson of Omega; Mrs. Cross and Miss Anna Cross of Kappa; Marjorie Holcomb of Phi; Vera Jones, Dorothy Dean, Claire Dean, Helen Higbee, Robin McKinley and Roxy Lucas, all of Alpha Lambda; Mrs.

Ruth Elliott Crooks of Epsilon and Mrs. Steele of Alpha, besides myself. At six o'clock on July 21, Alpha Xi chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta was installed with an active membership of fourteen and ten graduates.

Later in the evening—very much later—in the banquet room of the Hotel Oregon Grill forty happy Thetas sat down to a feast of good things, followed by toasts and songs which lasted so late that the last suburban car had gone before we knew it and the festive "taxi" reaped a generous reward thereby.

Toast list:

Welcome.....	Frances Gill, Omega
Response.....	Frances Oberteuffer, Alpha Xi
Days Past.....	Lela Goddard, Alpha Xi
Days Present.....	Frances Nelson, Alpha Xi
Days to Come.....	Mary DeBar, Alpha Xi
Kappa Alpha Theta.....	Anna Cross, Kappa
Active Thetahood.....	Marjorie Holcomb, Phi
Graduate Thetahood.....	Mrs. Crooks, Epsilon

The next day was a busy one, full of chapter meetings and final arrangements of many important matters. When six o'clock came around again the forty Thetas were scattering by train and trolley in all directions, all of them full of hopes and plans and faith in this strong young branch of our fraternity.

Chapters of Kappa Sigma and Sigma Chi have been established at the University of Oregon for a number of years, and among the women are recently established chapters of Gamma Phi Beta and Chi Omega, besides a number of locals.

Beta Epsilon was the first group organized in the university. In 1902 a club of seven girls was formed which in 1904 took its Greek name and became a strong factor in the life of the university.

Since 1906 they have had a chapter house, have maintained a strong membership, an enviable position in college activities and an unusually good scholarship average. They have worked loyally and long to make their chapter worthy of a charter from Kappa Alpha Theta and how well they have succeeded they will prove to us as the years go by and they develop more

and more into the type and standards we have set for ourselves.

I should like to tell you something of them personally. Lela Goddard who graduated in 1907 was one of the original members of the group and one of its most influential leaders. She lives in Portland and was just recently married.

Jessie Chase and Helene Robinson both live in Portland, graduated in 1908 and have been teaching. Winifred Hadley of that same class lives in Eugene. Last spring six of Beta Epsilon's most tried and proved members graduated. Some of you know Frances Nelson by her hand-writing, but Sue Hays, Kate Fullerton, Adele Goff, Gladys MacKenzie and Winifred Cockerline equally deserve your interest. To these girls much of the past success of Beta Epsilon is due and their graduation leaves a marked vacancy in the chapter roll.

But we need have no fears for the future when we look over the fourteen who are left.

Frances Oberteuffer of Portland and Eva Allan of Eugene are seniors; Hazel McNair, Cecile Wilcox, now juniors, were freshmen when I first met the group—one always remembers the freshmen—and Hazel Brown too. Mary DeBar was not then a known quantity—she rightfully should be a sophomore I'm sure—but somehow she has managed to become a most earnest junior and even corresponding secretary of the chapter. Then the sophomores who were of last year's strong freshman class, Lucia Campbell of Eugene; Jessie Bibee, Merle McKelvey and Ione Lambert of Portland; Fielda McClaine of Tacoma; Aline Thomson of Salem; Jane Knox and Mildred Bagley.

But names alone mean very little. Let us hope that at the convention of 1911, whether it be in California or not, you may see and know for yourselves this "Oregon" of which you have heard so much.

JESSIE M. MACFARLAND.

ALPHA OMICRON INSTALLATION

Soon after the granting of the charter came the question as to the time of installation, and in spite of dire prophecies as to

what the weather might be—at considerable inconvenience to all of us, cancelling of engagements and curtailing of summer plans—the last week in August, found us gathering from all directions, to the center of Theta thought for that week.

The weather moderated, a much needed rain fell, and everyone of the group eligible for membership, with the exception of two or three alumnae, was there, albeit two weeks must elapse before college opened.

Not many could come to assist in and enjoy the installation, but quality certainly counted, and I could have had no abler helpers than Daisy White Patrick, Psi; Anne Fisher, Alpha Iota; Hazel Allison, Kappa, Estelle Dalton, Beta; and Maud Shadduck Bynum, Mu.

Dr. Boyd's beautiful home, so often thrown open for Eta Beta Pi, was fittingly the scene of its transformation into Alpha Omicron of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Tuesday night, August 24, we went through the pledge service. Wednesday night, most impressive was the initiation of fourteen of the number—Adelaide Loomis, '06; Alta Loomis Carder, '06; Nancy Longnecker, '06; Mary Alice Boyd, '07; Nellie Goodrich, '07; Ruby Givens, '08; Yetta Alden, '09; Nina Bessent, '10; Lottie Boyle, '11; Myrl Edie, '11; May Melvin, '11; Frances Haynes, '12. These girls were able to take part in the second initiation, the night of August 26, when Mary Hunter, '10; Maud Millar, '12; Merl Millar, '12 and Julia Meier, '12, the last four of Eta Beta Pi's initiates became Kappa Alpha Thetas.

After this came the installation of the chapter and the banquet. The committee had worked willingly and well and the table was beautiful with its yellow flowers, pansy place cards, toast lists bearing the coat of arms, black and gold electric light shades, much black and gold decoration, Theta banners and *the* National Flag.

So twenty-four of us, now all Thetas, sat them down, and truth to tell, after our strenuous evening, and only a light lunch,

we were all ready to do ample justice to the good things set before us.

As the evening progressed, and telegrams and letters of congratulation were read, we felt that the number of those present in spirit was many. Our only wish was that you could have really been there.

The toasts were unusually good, and as they talked, you felt that fidelity and loyalty to Kappa Alpha Theta must follow the years of patient waiting and hoping for admission. As Nancy Longnecker said, "There were times when we hoped we had no fear, and then again we feared we had no hope." And the singing! Theta songs between each toast sung with a will and spirit that many an older chapter might well emulate.

At this point I would like to digress and quote just a bit from an article in the *Journal* a few years ago, "You will sing more girls into Kappa Alpha Theta than you will ever argue in," and I hope every chapter makes as good use of the song-book, as Alpha Omicron had in the few weeks they had had theirs. Then they had their own chapter song written for them by Mrs. Patrick.

Following is the toast list:

Eta Beta Pi.....	Adelaide Loomis
Theta Ideals and Ideal Thetas.....	Daisy White-Patrick
Anticipation and Realization.....	Mary Alice Boyd
Hopes and Fears.....	Nancy Longnecker
Convention Echoes.....	Hazel Allison
Theta in Oklahoma.....	Nellie Robinson
Some Thetas I have met.....	Nellie Goodrich
Theta in Retrospect.....	Maud Shattuck Bynum
Toast to Kappa Alpha Theta and her Founders.	

As the loving cup went round, we sang the two loving cup songs, and as we thought of our four oldest sisters, and how much we owe to them, our fraternity meant more to us than ever before.

One of the new chapter's best friends, Mary Lane of Alpha, was unable to be there, owing to severe illness—her presence would have been the one thing needful to make everything quite

perfect. She sent the girls a dozen beautiful spoons, their patronesses remembered them and the "Installers" left a small remembrance.

But all things must come to an end, so with regret we separated, to meet for our second and most important chapter meeting at nine o'clock the next morning. Here the "infants" learned more of their duties, privileges and responsibilities.

Our newer chapters, with their experience as locals, are well fitted to begin their national fraternity life. They are not set adrift upon an unknown sea, but sail forth with the way well charted. The waiting was hard, but they are all the stronger for it.

Alpha Omicron already makes a strong bond between the north and the south, a bond which will only grow stronger with the years.

EVA REED HALL.

OTHER CONVENTIONS

GHOSTS OF OTHER TIMES

$A=b+c$ in forms of b and c . Which doesn't suggest ghosts but just humdrum High-School days. No more did the very much alive girls who filed into the Chicago Beach on June 28, and besieged the desk with demands for rooms and "must have my trunk sent up immediately." But the ghosts were there and the algebra equation followed close behind them. For even that very hubbub of arrival and greetings was familiar to the girl who had attended the Convention of 1907. Indeed when she stepped into the lobby of the hotel and saw a familiar face here, or felt a welcoming handshake there, it was as if she had left it but the day before.

"Have you been before the Credential Committee?" The old Conventionite smiled at the dismay this simple question aroused, and arm in arm with ghosts of two forgoing Conventions led her little band before that august body. But once inside Room No. 18, these ghosts of other times slipped away and the old-timer realized that this was the Eighteenth Biennial Conven-

tion. Or perhaps because it was yet early the questions the Credential Committee asked seemed of a severer quality and quantity.

The ghosts lurked again when the gavel fell and the first session began, but as other sessions followed, those poor spirits quite vanished before the stirring new business that was transacted. In fact those listening could hear any poor tarrying spirit gasp in utter annihilation when the Council was reorganized and three new charters granted.

Thus having completely scared away our ghosts we come to the original question $a = b + c$. A denotes the Convention of 1909, b that of 1907, and c the one in 1905. Having proven my equation as far as business goes let us proceed to verify it socially. At all three conventions we had receptions, trips, and banquets, but at b we attended on the second night a Ben Greet performance of "Midsummer Nights Dream," yet at this time we had no dance. At c we had no theatre party but a glorious dance the third night, while at A we were entertained on the second night with a Theta vaudeville and on the third night had a dance, so again $A = b + c$.

And though at other Conventions also we may have been called "A school-teachers Convention," or a "Womans League" by poor uneducated outsiders, still I am sure the Sigma Chi would give the blue ribbon to the remark made this time by one instructing inmate of the Chicago Beach to an inquiring friend, "You see they come together here to have gatherings and the men of these women have their gatherings uptown."

And personally in this last Convention I attained what in the two previous ones I had failed to do, took part in that wonderful and stirring escapade—a midnight parade. Consequently, defying all ghosts, to me this Convention most assuredly means $a = b + c$.

ALWINE WILHELMI.

What seem the most striking features of this last convention as compared with other conventions I have attended? That is a hard question, perhaps best answered by an enumeration of

impressions. The things that really impressed me are: there are more business like methods; the girls are better instructed on parliamentary law, fraternity constitution and policy; the convention is more fearless in initiating new movements; the interests of the fraternity seem to be much broader and more comprehensive than ever before. The thing that made the very greatest impression upon me was the greatly increasing number of old convention delegates and visitors present. "The convention habit" seems to have been acquired by many. This I approve most heartily, for it gives a larger number a broader conception of the movement at large, the general purposes and directions of the fraternity. Moreover the greatest pleasure for me was the renewing of these former friendships of conventions past. It was like water in an oasis and actually made me smile inside and out.

RUTH BAKER, *Alpha*.

THREE CONVENTION PICTURES

I

The last morning of convention. The active delegates urging that the alumnae be given greater power in voting. The older sisters, on the other hand, refusing, because it seems to them the balance should remain in favor of the active chapter. "In honor preferring one another." Not a scene to be found in an ordinary convention, is it?

II

The same morning. Two district presidents laden with material on three colleges whose claims are to be presented this day. Did you see, back of the room full of Thetas, three anxious, eager groups of girls, waiting for what the day should bring to them or withhold from them? Perhaps you didn't, but the district presidents did. The hour drew on to noon—Oregon was voted in, Montana was voted in, the situation grew tense—would conservative Theta grant three charters all in one day? *Yes, she did*. Did you see two people fly for the telegraph office? Did you hear the good news hurry far away over

the wires? You must have felt a reflex of the happiness that you brought to these patient waiting groups of years.

III

The night of the banquet. All the work over, everybody tired, but happy, for are not over two hundred twenty sisters around our family board—songs are sung, toasts are given, the college home of each chapter is brought to mind, as the groups rise and give the yell. There is a feeling of sadness, withal, as we realize that the association of these days is about to end, yet, as it said on the toast list "Though we meet and straight we part, yet we know that

"We are touched by some sweet, subtle art,
And go we east or west
The thrill of friendship stirs within each breast
And binds us heart to heart."

EVA R. HALL.

CONVENTION IMPRESSIONS

The value of a good impression is its lasting effect. For this reason, it seems to me that there is nothing so valuable to a fraternity girl as a visit to a National Convention.

Members of an active chapter seldom realize how really narrow they are in their point of view. They are of course interested heart and soul in the good of their own special group. They may be united absolutely in their efforts to gain the most desirable members, to keep up all the standards of their chapter, and to live up to the precepts of their fraternity, but how many of them understand the significance of the word fraternity in its broadest sense? Let one member attend Convention and what is the result? An element of strength enters the chapter, even though no one may notice it.

At the recent Convention in Chicago, a rather young delegate from a comparatively young chapter said to me: "This Convention has been wonderful, but how can I ever explain it all to the other girls who haven't been here?" Perhaps she never will be able to make her sisters feel the impression as she has

felt it, but her own broadened point of view, her new feeling of the unity and strength of the whole, her knowledge of how much her chapter may accomplish along lines heretofore unconsidered, will make her a broadening and strengthening influence. She will be able to show her Theta sisters that fraternity life is something besides chapter life.

There has been a great deal of discussion lately as to how alumnae can help their active chapters. It seems to me that a great deal of good can be done if they will spend some time in trying to impress the active girls with the meaning of a National Fraternity. Every year I am more surprised at the number of young Thetas I meet who know practically nothing of what is going on in the whole fraternity. They have never given a thought to such subjects as fraternity organization and extension. They know scarcely anything of the important work that is being accomplished by the Intersorority Conference. There is nothing that will open their eyes to their own thoughtlessness like being present at Convention.

I think perhaps there are some Thetas who realize that there is work waiting for them to do in the fraternity, but who have not had their interest sufficiently aroused. I cannot repeat often enough that the cure for all these ills is attendance at Convention. Let every member of every chapter who possibly can, be present at the next one. Lucky is the chapter which shall have the privilege of being hostess for the next biennial gathering of Kappa Alpha Theta women.

ELSIE TOTTEN BRADLEY.

From the moment I heard that the convention was to be held in Chicago, a trip in proportion to my means, I determined to go; for from my earliest Theta days "Convention" was an experience I had hoped to make my own. I planned to go for the social enjoyment, to meet Thetas from twenty-two states, to feel that tremendous inspiration of seeing two hundred fraternity sisters together—in trust, for a good time.

When some weeks later I was elected delegate to the conven-

tion, I confess it was with some regret, although with full appreciation of the privileges that I accepted; for I realized that in that capacity I must sacrifice some of the good times, because of the added responsibility of attending faithfully all business sessions. I now realize however how truly fortunate I was. Thetas who come as I might have come, to "visit"—arriving late at sessions or perhaps missing them altogether, losing much of the discussions and taking little interest in the session side of the convention, lost much information, interest and enthusiasm. I would urge a large representation from each chapter at the convention, for the delegate needs the support of her chapter sisters, and the chapter needs the various view points of a larger number; but I would also urge that each visitor come with a more serious purpose, resolved to understand the problems facing the fraternity at large. If she comes in this spirit, visitors, as well as delegates, will go away with a new realization of the value of the fraternity, a hearty feeling of respect and fellowship for officers and sister chapters, and a new enthusiasm and loyalty to Kappa Alpha Theta.

MARGARET PHILBROOK, *Xi Alumnae*

Significant, among the many interesting features of the 1909 Convention, was the large attendance of women who have been out of college for several years. The dignity of the development of the fraternity rests upon alumnae interest and labor. Policies which are determined by a predominantly contributive element from alumnae with wide knowledge and balanced judgment, must logically be those which cooperate with the best in college life. The apparent increase in alumnae responsibility and desire for service, evidenced at Chicago, is a hopeful indication that the future Kappa Alpha Theta will stand with new power and clearer vision for a fine type of cultured, self-respecting womanhood. Such is the convention's promise.

MARY W. LIPPINCOTT, *Theta Alumnae*.

The two most vivid impressions of the 1909 convention which remain with me, are the charming personality of both

delegates and visitors, and the lack of courage in debate shown by these same delightful women. The delegates seemed to have been chosen for their great charm of manner and the ease with which they made friends. At the end of the first day we all seemed to know each other, and as I tried to pick out the chapters I liked best I found myself including all those whose members I had met, while it was impossible to choose favorites even in the delegations.

But when it came to the business sessions, alas, these same charming girls became completely tongue tied. It was impossible for the chairman, even in the free discussion of the committee-of-the-whole, to elicit any opinions whatsoever from the majority of the delegates or visitors. It was only in the halls afterwards, after motions had been carried and results were fixed, that discussions really waxed warm. Now delegates from active chapters are often somewhat over-awed at conventions, but here even our alumnae either had no opinions or they lacked the courage of their convictions, for they spoke seldom and their silence greatly hampered the work of the convention. This was in sharp contrast to the 1907 convention where matters of far less import were settled only after a keen debate which illumined each question from every point of view. And in these discussions the visitors, especially the alumnae, took a lively part.

The very importance of the radical changes made in our organization may account for the meagerness of the discussion. It was difficult to guage immediately the far reaching results of the proposed changes, and each was loath to speak until in her own mind the matter was clear, and convictions were formed.

But I thought a remark made during the last session, typical of the whole convention. During that session I sat among the delegates, and when the President said "The motion to adjourn is now in order," the delegate sitting next to me said "Oh, I'd like to make that motion, I haven't spoken yet." While she

still considered and gathered her courage to speak, the motion was made and carried and the Eighteenth Biennial Convention of Kappa Alpha Theta was declared adjourned. The chapter which this wholly charming girl represented had lost its last opportunity to be felt in the Convention.

Now our alumnae are the backbone of this fraternity, and their thoughtful consideration is needed in every matter of fraternity interest. Will they not, during the next two years, give serious consideration to the workings of our organization, and come to the next convention intelligently prepared, and unafraid? These next two years will test fairly the changes we have made. Let us watch the results and be ready with approval or criticism, or both, but let us have an end of both diffidence and indifference. Let us hope too that every one of the charming girls and women who met at the 1909 Convention will come again in 1911 prepared both to think and speak.

CHARLOTTE H. WALKER.

Was it simply the force of circumstances at this convention or the marking of a permanent tendency that the alumnae delegates occupied the floor more than the active delegates? Possibly the younger girls attending their first convention were timid about expressing opinions before those familiar with the customs and work of previous conventions. If so, it behooves us to devise better means of handing down from one convention to another the benefits of training. The delegates should prepare themselves by re-reading both the minutes of past conventions and the numbers of the *Journal* devoted to conventions. May we not now, while the details of the Chicago gathering are fresh in our thoughts, devise other ways to train those who will occupy our chairs in 1911?

CLARA E. FANNING, *Beta Alumnae*.

We have heard much of the Theta type. The first day of convention it seemed as if there were no such thing. There were girls everywhere, all sorts and kinds of girls, each of whom looked as different from all the rest as different could be. But

after those four short, crowded days, I decided that Theta type was something which didn't always show on the outside, that it was a broader thing than I had imagined, that, in short, a whole bundle of qualities and abilities belonged in the girl that was truly Theta type. Psi.

Of the many phases of Convention, perhaps the one which impressed me most forcibly, was the existence of the same type of womanhood, prevailing among all the chapters' representatives. The same high standard of refinement and nobility which our founders chose as the Theta type was found, coming equally from the East, West and South.

As we met socially in small groups or in large, every where was to be seen refinement of manner and the influence of noble ideals. At the same time, in the business sessions of the Convention, there was to be seen a dignity of bearing and clear comprehension of the subject at hand, worthy of college women.

Each chapter undoubtedly has had the preservation of Theta's standard as its highest aim, and the realization of such hopes, as was found in the last convention at Chicago, comes as a most gratifying sign of prosperity to our fraternity. For only through such preservation and adherence to her chief ideal can Theta live.

HELEN HAVEN, *Kappa*.

In our college chapters we hear much talk about the Theta type as a standard to be guarded zealously and carefully. Theta type is often the keynote of our rushing season. It is at convention that we learn, perhaps for the first time, that our strength does not lie in "type." At convention we meet some two hundred women who wear the Theta badge and our own idea of the Theta type loses itself in the vast assembly of other types. Then we perceive that it is because we are all different, because we come from different colleges, different chapters, and different families that we are as far reaching and as powerful as we are, and that our success is due to the fact that we are uniting our individual strength and ability to work for our fraternity. It was very interesting to meet each Theta on that

common ground and to see what personal effort each was giving. The strongest impression carried away was, that it was personal endeavor and not "type" which should be the standard of our membership.

JEAN MARGARET MEAD, *Phi.*

Convention, after these several months, seems rather more like a wonderful dream than a real event with its consequent impressions. One impression, however, which has not, and, I think, will not retreat into the dream, is that the Grand Council is not a body of imposing and unapproachable beings who run Theta government with an unseen hand. It was one of the most delightful privileges of that delightful gathering to meet and know the national officers. Face to face, they arouse a charming personal interest which we surely can not feel so deeply when they are merely names at the ends of reports.

PSI.

I counted it one of the happiest privileges of the convention to meet the members of the Grand council, the loyal alumnae and the scores of college girls from coast to coast, who wear the kite. The Grand council used to seem a faraway, austere body of women who ruled our chapters, but the convention proved that they are real, live, charming Thetas. Here at Beta chapter when things are particularly well with Theta, we have a way of saying "I'm glad I'm a Theta." And so when I look back at the 1909 Convention at Chicago, I gladly and truthfully say, "I'm glad I'm a Theta."

FRANCES BRAY, *Beta.*

The thing that impressed me most forcibly at our Chicago meeting was this:—A convention of college girls and mature alumnae lived under the same roof for four days and nights, worked together and played together, convened in formal session twice daily; discussed freely and intelligently important questions of policy; debated logically and sensibly subjects about which a radical difference of opinion was plainly in evidence; conducted its business in a parliamentary manner; ironed

out the rough places without an apparent jar; managed an exciting election with cool deliberation and wisdom; and adjourned "sine die" without a disturbing element to mar the remembrance of one of the most delightful conventions it was ever the good fortune of Kappa Alpha Theta to attend.

CORA PIERSON HOPKINS, *Pi Alumnae*.

Our editor asks us for impressions of the convention, and she asks that the article be brief. The thing is impossible, for the moment we take pen in hand, memories enough to fill a volume come swarming back; and as for impressions—one who has never been to a convention before is naturally impressionable, and so our impressions were very many and very varied. If then we can not tell all our impressions, the best thing we can do is to use selection and speak of just one or two of them.

First and foremost we would speak of great pride in our officers, and thankfulness that for so long a period our fraternity policy has been outlined, and "the Theta Craft" been guided by women of such great love and loyalty—women so far-sighted and broad-minded, in whom we see embodied all our Theta ideals.

Next we would speak of the joy of meeting so many Thetas from all parts of the country, and *such girls and such women!* Girls who have never attended convention, if you wish to be so proud that your head swims, go to convention and realize the whole meaning of being a Theta. In your own home chapter the fraternity songs have always meant much to you of course but go to convention and feel the thrill when girls from Texas and California and all parts of the country sing "The Black and The Gold."

And what shall we say of "Theta Warmth?" You do not have to wait till you arrive at the hotel. The first girl you meet on the train, or at the station, who wears the pin is at once dear to you, and when you arrive in the hotel lobby there is a perfect sun-burst of Theta warmth and love. Here you meet the quiet reserved girl with deep serious eyes and you wish

that you might know her well and hope to see much of her during the four days to come. You meet also the breezy Western girl whose warmth and cordiality wins your heart at once. Then there is the girl with the soft rich voice with Southern accent whom you like so much to hear speak. And there is the older woman whom you wish you could be like. And so it goes on for four days, as you meet one Theta after another and like each one better than the last. Till finally the separation comes with all its regrets and hopes to meet again.

If you go to one convention, you will surely resolve never to miss another, and the Theta you will envy most is the one who has attended the greatest number of conventions.

LUCY BEAN, *Eta alumnae*.

Of the best of the convention experiences were the two informal conferences held by those of us who have chapter houses, and presided over by Miss Walker. A dozen of us sat about the table in the Grand council room, and exchanged experiences, financial and social, as well as the more intimate ones of chapter life. Ideas, old to some perhaps, but now for the first time shared with other chapters, flew back and forth. Everything said was alive with interest, and to the point. In fact, we were absorbed to such an extent that we came as near as possible to being late to the banquet. It is impossible here to repeat what was said—the subjects we touched on were so numerous and so varied—but though I cannot tell you in exact words and figures what these meetings meant and accomplished, I want to make a plea very earnestly, a plea which I am sure all who met those two evenings will heartily second, that just the very same thing be done at future conventions. The “reasons why” are, that these conferences give us a very practical help in the solving of practical difficulties, that they help us not only to meet but to *recognize* problems, and finally, that they bring us so very close together in sympathy and understanding.

DOROTHY HART, *Omega*.

Among the many memories of Convention days, lifted high above the hurried transaction of business, separated from the long discussions, stands the toast on "Our Creed." Like a rock in the midst of agitated waters it stands, firm and true, high and inspiring—Theta's ideals, the motto, brought to us anew. Not chained to the practical, nor yet ideal only, but a happy mingling of both in such a way that our daily life may more nearly attain our ideals and our ideals serve us in daily life, this was the message given to us.

May we keep it ever before us, with its sweetness and strength,—may we never prove unworthy to it—this is my earnest hope.

NELLIE M. GLEASON, *Delta*.

I think the ritualistic exemplification was perhaps the most enjoyable. It was beautiful, and inspiring. Parts of it were new to many of us, and these forms particularly were of supreme interest. I am sure most of the chapters will adopt them as soon as possible, because of the added dignity which they would bring to Theta. LOIS STEVENS BROWN, *Gamma*.

Convention Week! How many pleasant memories fill my mind at these words! I wonder if you girls who have never attended convention realize how strong is the national element in our organization? Each chapter forms but a part of the whole and Theta ideals bind together women from Canada and every part of our own great country. This feeling of "oneness" is very impressive when you see women of fifty and girls of twenty working together toward the same goal—the welfare of Kappa Alpha Theta. Since there is such unity in all that is truly vital in our fraternity, it seems that some of the details should be worked out in order to make the college chapters more nearly uniform.

ETHEL ALBERTSON, *Alpha Beta*.

One of the most precious of convention results is the bringing of the girls from different chapters into real and loving contact. Much of the wonder of its accomplishment is due to the intermingling of Theta sisters from East and West. Sigma girls

were seen with Tau sisters, Kappa came to know and love the Toronto Thetas, Alpha Kappa found how dear her Delta sisters were. Every one knew and appreciated every one else. Each visitor and delegate has long before this told her poor stay at home sisters of the stealthy nocturnal visits, when, clad in all the garments that could be borrowed, we made our victorious way from Alpha's room to Gamma's, from Gamma to Psi, until we forgot that we ever had been chapter girls, we were only Kappa Alpha Thetas. UPSILON.

I am convinced that unless one has been to convention, she cannot at all imagine the "big family" feeling which exists. It was this spirit of "like-to-know-you-better," good fellowship, and cordiality on all sides which impressed me most. The four days, and nights I may say, were packed full of entirely new impressions, new experiences, and hopes realized. However above all stands the realization, that Theta does unite us all with an actual loving bond, however far apart our homes or colleges. ETHEL SNYDER, *Alpha Gamma*.

The convention seems to give one almost a new conception of Kappa Alpha Theta. Not that it really changes radically our idea of it, but merely intensifies it. Quite often we become so absorbed in our local situation and condition that we forget or lose sight of our national importance and our sister chapters. But the convention brings us together as one large family with the same aims and the same interest.

To some the opening ceremony, dignified yet touching, or the ritualistic service, beautiful in many parts beyond words, may seem to have reached the goal of all their hopes. To others the breezy boatribe or the gay dance may have realized their highest ideal; but to me the prevailing spirit of good fellowship was most inspiring. I have often thought that the sisterly feeling in Alpha chapter was more beautiful than anything else but my love for Theta was absolutely crowned, when I found

that this spirit also had a firm hold on every member of the national fraternity.

JESSIE PEARL MARLATT.

The message that convention held for me was twofold. A new realization of the requirements of the college woman who is to be the wearer of the kite; and a deeper appreciation of the splendid machinery which turns the wheels of our fraternity. Were a composite picture of the Thetas from every section of the country to have been taken, we should have had represented a most interesting Theta face which would perhaps reveal the "electrical alertness" of the west, the gentle courtesy of the south and the practical substantiality of the east. The Theta of tomorrow, essentially a lover of ideals, will be more than an idealist—she will display all the characteristics of the imaginary Theta type. Much of the four days of convention was spent in remodelling and simplifying the organization of Kappa Alpha Theta. With the simplified machinery the chapters will not only coöperate more successfully but each chapter can not help but realize the importance, the absolute necessity for successful life in itself.

GRACE H. MILLER, *Mu*.

Once upon a time there was a little Theta freshman who was very much awed by the immensity of the band of sisterhood. She idealized her conception of it until it seemed almost too good to be true. When it came time to go to Convention, her parents and friends were very eager to have her go, but she was a shy little girl, and she thought, if she went to convention her beautiful picture of the national fraternity would be shattered, for would she not find strangers instead of sisters? So the foolish little girl stayed at home, and fed her imagination with the enthusiastic reports which the other wiser girls brought home to her. And it came to pass that, after two years, the foolish freshman became a junior and shared in many responsibilities. Then it was that rumors of another convention came to her ears, and about the same time she learned that she had

been elected delegate from her chapter. At last the appointed time arrived when she must go to Convention. Reluctantly she bade farewell to her cherished ideas—she was leaving them forever by going out into the cold world of facts and strangers. And behold! When she arrived at the Convention, she found friends and sisters instead of strangers, and her cherished ideas became definite facts although they lost none of their exalted nature. And the wise junior looked back at the foolish freshman—and sighed—and smiled.

N. M. G. *Delta*.

Through reports of the delegates to their chapter, through the pages of the Journal setting forth the program of pleasant hours, the girls who did not attend may be given some glimmer of the brightness of convention days; but to one, whose silver link is near the beginning of the chapter chain and for whom life has changed and new duties call, there came a thrill of pride in our larger organization and a renewed sense of “belonging” that the more recent initiate can hardly conceive. It made one wish that more “lone isles of Thetaland” might become at least peninsulas! Verily enthusiasm, as faith, can remove mountains.

It was the cordial “together” spirit that made possible the satisfactory adjustment of honest differences and the eighteenth biennial Grand convention a real factor in Theta’s progress.

Then too, a convention is such a leveler of age distinction! The freshman, the girl in society, the earnest teacher, the mature wife and mother were inspired anew to live closer to our beautiful Theta ideal! That inspiration was one of the most vivid impressions that each carried away and a new lesson was learned in the art of friendship.

BESSIE G. MARS, *Tau*.

PANHELLENIC

Resumé of Report of Eighth National Panhellenic Conference, Chicago Beach Hotel, Chicago, September 17-18, 1909.

(The report in full will be sent each chapter and officers. Any Theta may have a copy by request to Miss Green.)

The Eighth Panhellenic Conference was called to order Friday, September 17, 1909, at 3 P. M. by Miss L. P. Green, Kappa Alpha Theta, presiding officer. Miss Edith Stoner, Kappa Kappa Gamma, acted as secretary.

The following delegates presented credentials and were duly enrolled:

Pi Beta Phi, Miss May L. Keller, 1822 Linden Avenue, Baltimore, Md. Kappa Alpha Theta, Miss L. Pearle Green, 15 East Avenue, Ithaca, N. Y. Kappa Kappa Gamma, Miss Edith Stoner, 1529 Wabash Avenue, Kansas City, Mo. Delta Gamma, Miss Margarethe Sheppard, 1434 Sheridan Road, Evanston, Ill. Alpha Phi, Mrs. John Howard McElroy, 1514 East Fifty-fourth Street, Chicago; Gamma Phi Beta, Miss Laura Hutchins, Sheldon, Ill. Alpha Chi Omega, Mrs. Richard Tennant, 824 South Fifth Street, Terre Haute, Ind. Delta Delta Delta, Mrs. E. N. Parmelee, 1057 Chase Avenue, Rogers Park, Ill. Alpha Xi Delta, Mrs. J. R. Leib, 1271 West Washington Street, Springfield, Ill. Chi Omega, Mrs. H. M. Collins, Tyrone, Pa. Sigma Kappa, Mrs. Antha K. Miller, 379 East Fifty-sixth Street, Chicago; Alpha Omicron Pi, Mrs. C. G. Bigelow, 1607 South Sixth Avenue, Maywood, Ill. Zeta Tau Alpha, Miss May Agness Hopkins, University Hall, Galveston, Tex. Alpha Gamma Delta, Miss Marguerite Shepard, Forestville, N. Y.

Miss Green, secretary of the Conference 1908-09, gave the following summary of the year's work:

Eight hundred copies of the report of the Seventh Conference were printed and distributed.

A letter was written to inform alumnae more definitely in regard to the purpose and plans of Panhellenic. Four hundred copies of this letter were printed and distributed.

Other work of the secretary was the compiling of a list of the Deans of women; the preparation of the list for the exchange of fraternity magazines; the writing of a paper for the fraternity magazines on the results of the National Panhellenic movement during the first seven years; and all the correspondence with local Panhellenics incidental to the office of secretary.

During the year two fraternities were admitted to the conference, Zeta Tau Alpha and Alpha Gamma Delta.

The secretary has noticed during the year that the constitutions of local Panhellenics are lacking in some essential provisions, and thus many difficulties have arisen which could have been avoided with the proper constitutions.

There should be a realization of the need of broader activities in connection with the Panhellenic work, and less emphasis should be placed on rushing, as such.

Each delegate then presented a report from her fraternity, giving convention action on subjects of Panhellenic interest, and presenting recommendations from her fraternity to the National Panhellenic conference.

These reports, together with the secretary's report, were referred to the committee on recommendations.

Mrs. McElroy, Alpha Phi, the chairman of the committee on rushing policy at Yale, presented her very able report, the conclusion of which follows:

In this brief and imperfect study of clubs and fraternities famous at Yale and Harvard, one impression is fixed—that the students and authorities, because of experience, have agreed that a man must evince some ability to gain election to these organizations, and these influential societies must have time, a year or more, to study and select their new members.

The committee on chaperones, Mrs. Tennant, of Alpha Chi Omega, presented a report as follows:

"During the year there have been but five applications for chaperones. A number of letters regarding the duties and re-

quirements of chaperones have been received. Some of these have been from women wishing positions, but more have come from girls asking information. It has been a matter of surprise to learn how definite the expectations on both sides are, and how indefinite the requirements. This evidently comes from inexperience on the part of those most concerned. The Deans seem to regard the chaperone as a kind of shadow or shade, and the girls appear to regard the same individual as a person with whom they must deal very indirectly. It seems to me that the whole matter has not had a 'square deal.' Just so long as the chapter house is a necessity, the chaperone is a necessity. In my judgment, no fraternity should attempt to afford a chapter home until it is able to employ a woman whose dignity and character can and will be a helpful influence and power in the home, and whose personal qualities command a social standing in the college community. No organization is worthy of support whose whole object is to shelter and entertain itself. The true fraternity has for its purpose the betterment and improvement of its members. This involves adherence to principles of living and conduct that society will respect and admire. Gentle manners and good breeding come from the right kind of environment—from the home in which the girl lives. To the better management of that home, the committee recommends: (1) that a small salary in addition to board and room be offered the chaperone; (2) that the chaperone be required to confer twice a month with the Dean of Women, and once a month with the social committee, where one exists; (3) that a definite and clear agreement be entered upon on the part of chapter and chaperone, and that a printed or typewritten copy of the same shall be sent to the chapter's Grand Council."

The report of the committee to draw up an interfraternity code concerning the dismissal of members, withdrawing of invitations, breaking of pledges was presented by the chairman, Chi Omega, and was referred to the Grand Presidents for action.

The vote of the delegates, as instructed by their Grand Presidents, made it possible to change the name of the conference to National Panhellenic conference, and the secretary was instructed to make the necessary change in the constitution, substituting the new form for "Intersorority Conference."

It is recommended to the Grand Presidents that there be a revision of the local Panhellenic constitutions, in order that certain points not included in the present constitutions may be provided for. This work is now in the hands of a committee, and will first be presented to the Grand presidents, and then instructions will be sent to the local Panhellenic associations.

On instructions from their Grand Presidents the delegates decided that each National Panhellenic delegate shall have control of the distribution of National Panhellenic reports and papers, within the fraternity, and of instructing the chapters as to the use of the same. She may, at her discretion, delegate the work of distribution to another officer of her fraternity.

The petition from the Michigan Panhellenic association was granted by unanimous vote of the delegates, acting on instructions from their Grand Presidents. During the next year, until September, 1910, the fraternities at Michigan may pledge girls in senior year of high school; provided, that if a pledge is not initiated within a year, she is regarded as dropped.

The Conference desired, however, to go on record as opposing any further dispensation to Michigan, and desired that the recommendation be made to the Grand Presidents that, if the Michigan Panhellenic again petitions for a dispensation, it be not granted.

The following recommendations were adopted by the Eighth Panhellenic conference:

1. That the fraternities be asked to vote on the following question: That there be no rushing before matriculation. Matriculation to be defined as the day of enrollment as a student in the university or college.
2. That the delegates to the National Panhellenic be mem-

bers of the national governing bodies of the fraternities, or ex-council members, or persons well versed in Panhellenic matters.

3. That there be no initiation of any pledge until ten hours' work is completed, and that there be a common entrance requirement made by the fraternity. To assist in this work, the conference appointed a committee to investigate the scholarship requirements of conference fraternities.

4. That each fraternity make a report at each Conference on chapters added to roll or dropped from it during previous year.

5. That each delegate file with the secretary of Panhellenic the date of her next convention.

6. That chapters send copies of local Panhellenic constitution and contract to all alumnae.

7. That all fraternity conventions held during college year in college locations shall be entertained by local Panhellenics instead of local chapters of various fraternities, in order to save expense, and to promote more general acquaintance among college fraternity women.

Motion carried that conference disapproves of the contracting, by two or more fraternities making only a part of the local Panhellenic Association, to keep some rules or regulations not accepted by the local Panhellenic association.

Motion carried that a committee be appointed to investigate the facilities offered by various colleges and universities for formal entertainments given by students. The committee is to inquire as to where entertainments are now held, and what is being done by faculties to improve conditions.

Committee on extension: Pi Beta Phi, Alpha Phi, Alpha Gamma Delta.

Committee on investigation of college facilities for student social affairs: Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta.

Committee on scholarship standards in conference fraterni-

ties: Kappa Kappa Gamma, Zeta Tau Alpha, Gamma Phi Beta.

Committee on list of chaperones: Alpha Chi Omega.

Committee to report on Dean's conference: Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Phi, Alpha Omicron Pi.

Motion carried that next conference hold its first session on Friday morning.

Motion carried that the National Panhellenic constitution be reprinted, separately, as soon as the vote of the Grand Presidents on constitutional changes can be taken.

Motion carried that each fraternity be assessed five dollars (\$5.00) for Panhellenic conference expenses.

The Panhellenic conference was declared adjourned until September, 1910. EDITH STONER, *Kappa Kappa Gamma*.

Secretary of Eighth Panhellenic conference.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF PREVIOUS CONFERENCES

The National Fraternities, on recommendations from the National Panhellenic conferences, have passed the following regulations:

1. That Panhellenic Associations shall be formed in every institution where two or more national sororities exist; and they shall consist of one active and one alumna member of each sorority.

2. A pledge day shall be adopted by the national sororities in each college where two or more of them exist.

3. The pledge day in each college shall be fixed by the Panhellenic association existing there.

4. No student shall be asked to join a sorority before she has matriculated.

5. Matriculation shall be defined as the day of enrollment as a student in the university or college.

The National Panhellenic conference has made, among others, the following recommendations:

1. That the Panhellenic association shall consist not only of the national sororities, but also of such locals as they may see fit to admit. (Report of Sixth Conference.)

2. That Panhellenics endeavor to restrict the expense, number and duration of social functions and engagements by women's fraternities as far as is compatible with local conditions. (Seventh Conference.)

3. That Panhellenics be careful not to create feeling between fraternity and non-fraternity college women through too many or through inopportune Panhellenic meetings and functions. (Seventh Conference.)

4. That Panhellenics are urged to avoid all public press notoriety and to endeavor always to keep the respect of their university and town communities. (Seventh Conference.)

5. That each Panhellenic have some general meetings to which all fraternity members are invited and allowed to take part in discussions; meetings to read and discuss Panhellenic conference Reports; shortcomings of our last compact; effects of a Sophomore pledge day in our college, etc. (Seventh Conference.)

6. That Panhellenics have meetings twice a month.

7. That Panhellenics have a conference with Deans of Women and other faculty members at least once a semester.

8. That Panhellenics have an "annual" to which all women of the college are invited.

9. That sororities take some pains to inform alumnae that ten years have wrought great changes in conditions with the growth of chapter houses and the multiplication of sororities.

(6, 7, 8 and 9 are taken from the Report of the Social Service committee, 1906-1907.)

EDITH STONER.

A delightful feature of the last National Panhellenic conference was the "Dutch treat" luncheon for the fraternity women of Chicago arranged for by the secretary of the conference.

The luncheon was given at the Chicago Beach hotel at 1:30 P. M. on Saturday, September 18, 1909. There were one hundred and three fraternity women present. The roll call by fraternities gave the following number representing each conference fraternity, and two guests, members of Kappa Delta:

Pi Beta Phi, 14; Kappa Alpha Theta, 22; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 8; Delta Gamma, 2; Alpha Phi, 13; Gamma Phi Beta, 14; Alpha Chi Omega, 1; Delta Delta Delta, 10; Alpha Xi Delta, 6; Chi Omega, 4; Alpha Omicron Pi, 5; Zeta Tau Alpha, 1; Alpha Gamma Delta, 1.

The gathering represented college classes from 1880 to present undergraduates, and twenty seven different universities had alumnae present. The college roll follows:

Northwestern, 33; Wisconsin, 9; Michigan, 6; Nebraska, DePauw, Illinois, Woman's College of Baltimore, Stanford, 4 each; Lombard, Minnesota, Iowa Wesleyan, 3 each; Syracuse, Butler, Kansas, Missouri, 2 each; Boston, Knox, Franklin, Bucknell, Adrian, Cincinnati, Newcomb, Dickinson, Barnard, Ohio State, Texas, Mississippi, 1 each.

Six guests failed to register their college affiliations.

At the close of the luncheon, conference delegates presented the work of the National Panhellenic to this representative gathering of fraternity women. Mrs. Parmelee, Delta Delta Delta, spoke of what the conference has so far accomplished; Miss Stoner, Kappa Kappa Gamma, on the work of the present or eighth conference; Mrs. McElroy, Alpha Phi, on rushing; Mrs. Bigelow, Alpha Omicron Pi, on non-rushing activities of college Panhellenics; Mrs. Tennant, Alpha Chi Omega, on chapter house and chaperones; Mrs. Leib, Alpha Xi Delta, on Panhellenic relations to universities; and Miss Sheppard, Delta Gamma, on alumnae co-operation in the Panhellenic movement.

The members of Kappa Alpha Theta present were Mrs. Laura H. Norton and Jane V. Pollock of Eta; Jean A. Gilbert and Mrs. Julia Watson Nicholson of Kappa; Louise Shipman and Mary Ross Potter of Delta; Mrs. Elizabeth Speed McFad-

den and Margaret Patterson of Alpha; Mary E. Gloss, Mrs. Beulah Merville Spofford, Mrs Susan Welton Sheppard, Mrs. Henrietta Jennings Oates and Eva Hall of Tau; Mrs. Elizabeth Bonnell Williams of Rho; Louise Halladay and Mrs. Mabel Stewart Knapp of Psi; Nancy Pusey, Anna Skinner and Mrs. Frances Kerr Cook of Alpha Delta; Mrs. Winifred Caldwell Whittier, Mrs. Frances Kerr Cook, Georgiana Gilbert and L. Pearle Green of Phi.

On Monday following the Eighth National Panhellenic conference, Mrs. Parmelee, Grand president of Delta Delta Delta, entertained the conference delegates, the women's fraternity officers in Chicago and former Panhellenic delegates resident in Chicago, in honor of Mrs. Ida Shaw Martin, author of the Sorority handbook. It was a privilege to know Mrs. Martin who has done so much for all fraternities and to have an opportunity to meet the Panhellenic delegates when every moment was not crowded with conference business. The last conference was much honored by having Mrs. Martin present at its sessions.

Chicago is at present such a fraternity government center that Kappa Alpha Theta's Grand council decided to have an officers' Panhellenic during our late convention. Accordingly Kappa Alpha Theta invited the women's fraternity officers resident in or near Chicago to a luncheon on Saturday, June 26, at our headquarters—the Chicago Beach hotel. Covers were laid for sixteen. We had as guests the Grand presidents of Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta and Gamma Phi Beta, the Grand treasurer of Delta Gamma, the S. M. of Chi Omega, the National Panhellenic delegates of Alpha Omicron Pi and of Alpha Phi and also the vice-president of Alpha Phi, while regrets were received from six other national officers who were summering out of the city. The function was most pleasant; the exchange of views and the frank discussion most profitable; while the opportunity to meet at once so many women working for fraternity advancement was both unique and delightful.

May it be Kappa Alpha Theta's privilege to have a similar opportunity at each convention.

It has become a custom for the fraternity women at Chautauqua to have a Panhellenic banquet each summer. This summer the banquet was held August 6, with twenty-six fraternity women present, nineteen of them alumnae and seven still active members of college chapters. Pi Beta Phi had the largest delegation, eleven. Kappa Kappa Gamma came next with seven, then Kappa Alpha Theta with six, while Delta Delta Delta and Chi Omega each had one member present. The company discussed Panhellenics in our colleges, deplored the present rushing system, and enjoyed a profitable exchange of fraternity news and customs.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Mary Eleanor Curran of Iota alumnae has designed a Christmas card which will sell for \$1.20 per dozen. One-half the proceeds from the sale of these cards will be given to the Scholarship fund. Send orders to Mrs. Homer Laughlin, Jr., 666 W. Adams Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

This attractive Christmas greeting, printed in two colors, is in booklet form, $2\frac{1}{2}$ x 7 inches, with an attractive sketch as a frontispiece and this Christmas message in quaint lettering:

"His star watching o'er us
Slumbers not nor sleeps,
Yule-tide unto Yule-tide
Constant vigil keeps.
Rays of love eternal
Down from heaven shine,
Earth with sky unite and
Heart with heart entwine."

EDITORIALS

For the first time in fifteen years and the second time in the history of the fraternity, Kappa Alpha Theta suffers the loss of one of her Founders. In the pleasant rush of chapter life and the comfortable enjoyment of the privileges of membership in our fraternity, at times, perhaps, we overlook how much we owe collectively and individually to these four brave pioneer fraternity women. Without their efforts there would be no Kappa Alpha Theta. Does not that mean much to you? Mrs. Lindsey's death is sincerely mourned by the fraternity. To us she "is not dead but just away," for her influence will always be a vital part of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Our chapter roll in this issue carries six new names. Two of these chapters were chartered in May; Sigma alumnae, St. Louis, and Tau alumnae, Lincoln, Neb. Upsilon alumnae, San Francisco, was chartered just before convention, while convention itself granted the three charters which enabled us to add Alpha Nu, Montana state university, Alpha Xi, Oregon state university, and Alpha Omicron, Oklahoma state university to our college chapter roll. Kappa Alpha Theta has already proved her welcome to each one of these new chapters—new opportunities for usefulness and enjoyment. The Journal's welcome is but a reiteration of a joyous fact. We are proud of each new alumnae chapter because thus, officially a part of our organization, our alumnae can most effectively give to the fraternity their influence and wisdom; it is this understanding alumnae interest that guarantees the stability and advancement of the fraternity. We are proud of each new college chapter because each is composed of fine, womanly girls in a strong institution where there is unquestionably a field of usefulness open to Theta. May opportunities for extension such as these always find an open door in our fraternity! May the years prove these six chapters most deserving of the welcome Kappa Alpha Theta gives to them!

Today we miss from our directory a number of familiar names. To these retiring officers who have labored faithfully and well for Theta, even to the sacrifices of personal plans and vacations, the fraternity gives its appreciative gratitude. They have done much for Theta and will continue to serve her as wise alumnae. To the new officers, to those exchanging old office for new, and to those resuming office after a vacation as it were, we give glad greeting. We are confident that they will serve the fraternity efficiently, ably advancing the plans of their predecessors, and in return the fraternity pledges to them most loyal coöperation in their plans for Kappa Alpha Theta's welfare. For the reëlected officers, we can wish nothing finer than that they may prove worthy of the confidence, appreciation and trust which their reëlection shows is now given them by the fraternity.

Convention is past. In this issue we have tried to so present convention that to all of our readers may come some of the convention's influence and inspiration, so vitally present with those so fortunate as to attend that gathering. This convention initiated some novel plans and began a reorganization of our executive body. Only the future can prove whether these measures are for the best interests of the fraternity. They at least deserve a fair trial. If the delegates and visitors can bestow even a small part of their enthusiasm and cosmopolitan interest upon their chapters, all year, convention will be holding informal sessions throughout the country and so proving itself not past but ever present in the advancement of our fraternity.

Convention arrangements at the Chicago Beach were as nearly perfect as possible. We appreciate the courteous care taken by the hotel for our comfort. We realize how much we are indebted to Delta alumnae members for the Information bureau, the stunt party and countless other helpful services. The Grand treasurer, Edith D. Cockins, deserves much praise for the able way in which she planned the social side of conven-

tion and looked after every detail. Sigma Chi's twenty-ninth Grand chapter also receives a hearty vote of thanks for the pleasant afternoon on the lake when they played the host to Kappa Alpha Theta's convention.

The American college is a new magazine on our exchange table. It is the official organ of the Higher education association formed this year, with the avowed purpose of "improving higher education throughout the United States." At the head of this movement is Mr. C. F. Birdseye, whose recent book *The reorganization of our colleges* crystallized the prevalent criticisms of college education products. It is very suggestive of fields for fraternity activity, especially alumnae, in influence upon the ninety per cent of college time spent outside the class room. Later we hope to review this book at length. At present, let it suffice to say, if you are at all interested in your fraternity's future and in your alma mater's welfare, this book is well worth reading. The same may be said of the new magazine devoted to a timely discussion of college problems and with strong departments concerned with the College community, the College home, the College world, etc.

Elsewhere appears a résumé of the eighth National Panhellenic conference and news of other Panhellenic affairs of the summer. We believe that we are only at the beginning of the possibilities of Panhellenism for there is no question that co-operation can accomplish much more than any fraternity can hope to accomplish alone. Would that we might reproduce for you the atmosphere of this last conference: the courteous yet frank discussion of chapter life; the earnest desire to further fraternity and college interests. The progressive measures of this conference from which we hope most are—the ending of pre-matriculation rushing in the same way that pre-matriculation pledging was stopped, and the revision of college Panhellenic constitutions so as to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of these college organizations. The varied and multiple

interests discussed at this conference show how it is growing in confidence, strength and power. They also insure that the National Panhellenic will be in the future a strong factor for better organization within the fraternities, and for a more stable and useful place for fraternities within our colleges.

The cheerful tone of chapter letters and personal correspondence seems to indicate this as an auspicious fall for Theta interests. The Editor, during the past month, had the rare privilege of visiting with three college chapters, Upsilon, Beta and Alpha. In each instance, the keynote of pleasure was the new pledges. We take pleasure in welcoming these freshmen whom we have been privileged to meet, and also all those other freshmen who are now members of Kappa Alpha Theta through, we trust, the wise choice of college chapters.

The Editor takes this opportunity to express her appreciation of all the kind greetings and words of encouragement that have come to her since assuming the duties of Editor. If her mail were not overwhelmingly heavy, her gratitude would find expression through personal notes to each cherished "well-wisher."

NOTICES

We congratulate the fraternity on the wealth of material for the convention number supplied by the generosity of chapters and individual Thetas. We regret that space limits prevented the appearance of some contributions. Others have been reserved for the private number of the Journal, their character making such reservation desirable. For all material submitted, grateful thanks is here tendered.

Generosity to convention matters has crowded some of the regular departments out of this issue. They will reappear in January.

College chapter letters in this issue are arranged in the order of chapter establishment. This change is made to facilitate the finding of "my chapter letter" by each alumna, a difficult thing to do if arranged by new districts which are unfamiliar divisions to the alumnae, at least.

After the Directory will be found announcements of alumnae chapter meetings. Let no traveling Theta fail to accept any available opportunity to enjoy the hospitality here so urgently extended. The editor had the pleasure of meeting with Beta alumnae in September so she knows an alumnae chapter meeting is a privilege well worth while.

GAMMA ALUMNAE HELP COMMITTEE

The object of this Committee is to assist in any possible way any Kappa Alpha Theta in the vicinity of New York or who contemplates coming to the city. More detailed information may be secured by writing to the Chairman of the Committee, Miss Florence Durstine, 67 Riverside Drive, New York City.

CHAPTER LETTERS

ALPHA—DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

We are gathered together for another short year of college work, made happy by the constant glimpses of Theta faces and echoes of Theta voices ringing in every loyal heart. After a very successful rushing season, which was shortened to one week, we take pleasure in introducing to you our twelve pledges: Elizabeth Von Behren, of Marion, Marvel Laut of Evansville, Edna Shook and Byrd Gosley of Lafayette, Hazel Hardacre of Lawrenceville, Edith Korbly of Indianapolis, Jane Lamport of South Bend, Ruth Landrum of Terre Haute, Florence Mooreland of Muncie, Florence Lowe of Robinson, Ill. Irene Taylor of Humboldt, Ill. and Harriet Sayers of Waynesburg, Pa.

September 27 was pledge day and as usual we used our Pledge service. For this we have a handsome new loving-cup which was presented to us last year as the customary freshmen gift.

On pledge day we had open house during the morning for all fraternity men in college. After indulging in introductions, congratulations and refreshments, all took their leave and then we gave a luncheon at the chapter house for our new girls.

We could give no parties during the rushing season but expect to have a Halloween party, November 2, as a "coming out" party for our new Thetas.

A very delightful house party was given this summer at the chapter house. Many old girls were back for it and we had as our guests quite a few new girls, who were then prospective students. The party lasted five days and all pronounced it a great success. We are hoping this plan of rushing may be repeated for next year. MARGUERITE JAYNE NICHOLSON.

'01 Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Griswold (Hope Erwin) announce the birth of a son, James Wells, on June 5, 1909.

'04 Ruth Baker has a scholarship in German in Northwestern university.

'04 Married on October 14, 1909, Stella Worthington to John Robb. Address: Washington, D. C.

'04-ex Born to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Newby (Mary Lewis) a son.

'04 Lewis Pigman was married at her home in Indianapolis to Walter Wood, Phi Gamma Delta, DePauw. Address: Evansville, Ind.

'04 Married, June 16, 1909, at Vincennes, Ind. Mary Haughton to Louis Dorste, Phi Kappa Psi. Address: Anderson, Ind.

'05-ex Margaret Landrum is on her way to China.

'06 Born, July, 1909, a son William Leslie to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Naftzger (Julia Parr). Address: Muncie, Ind.

'06-ex Florence Roach was married this summer to Clyde Martin, Beta Theta Pi. Address: Yacolt, Wash.

'09-ex Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith (Gertrude Free) a son.

'09 Married June 24, 1909, Helen Reckert to Russell Allen, Phi Kappa Psi. Address: Brooklyn, N. Y.

'10-ex Helen MacNeill was married this summer to Carl Headley. Address: Danville, Ill.

'12-ex Married, Glenn Simison to Lewis Green, Sigma Nu. Address: Attica, Ind.

The following alumnae have recently been guests at the chapter house: Susan McWhirter, Gertrude Taylor, Grace Rhodes, Grace Paxson, Leonore Ford, Marie Hendee, Elizabeth Dougherty, Charlotte Tribolet, Edith Carmichael.

BETA—INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Indiana university opened September 21 with a first day's enrollment larger than it has ever been in the history of the university. All departments are crowded to their utmost capacity, but the foundations, at least, of the now much needed \$80,000 science hall are being laid. Several days before the

opening of the university proper, the girls in the active chapter were back and had the house in excellent running order. The rules of the intersorority contract forbidding driving and prohibiting entertainment outside of the sorority houses, made the problem of rushing an unusually difficult one this year. There were several small functions given in honor of the incoming freshmen who had come down early, and the Bloomington girls who were to enter college, but the rush proper opened with a dance Monday night, September 20. Tuesday noon the annual Theta luncheon was given. After the luncheon we pledged the following girls: Jean Crowder, Indianapolis; Ella Osborne, Anderson, Reah Bingham and Louise Craig of Rushville, Cornelia Ogle of Sullivan, Lillian and Edith Trimble of Vincennes, Mabel Dunn of Noblesville, Florence King of Richmond, Louise Keller of Connersville, Belle Royer of Stockwell, Ardy Chenowith and Lucy Davisson of Bloomington and Nelle Keller of Louisville, Ky.

Friday, September 25, a formal dance was given to introduce our pledges to the fraternity men of college, and now all of us, old girls and new, have settled down with a will to our college work. It is our endeavor to make Beta chapter the best it has ever been in every line of college activity.

October 1, 1909.

KATHARINE CROAN.

'74 Laura Henley Mooney (Mrs. Edmund) died early in 1909.

'85 Mabel Banta Beeson (Mrs. C. H.) has a new address, 1009 E. 60th Street, Chicago, Ill.

'92-ex Born, December 18, 1908, a son Morris Robert to Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Dowd (Zota May).

'94 Charlotte Malotte was married August 26, 1909, to William C. Kruezel, auditor of the Washington State College, Pullman, Wash.

'03 Pearl Cassell was married at Vincennes, Ind. September 15, 1909, to John R. Bender, Alpha Sigma Delta.

Beta chapter is proud to claim Nelle Reed, '11, and Roxana Thayer, '11, of Greenfield, as affiliates from Gamma chapter.

These alumnae, Arlene Plunkett, Marcie Myers and Hilda Palmer of Monticello, Jess Beeler of Richmond, Nelle Aydelotte of Sullivan and Florence Frazee of Rushville have been recent visitors at the house.

GAMMA—BUTLER COLLEGE .

Butler college has started one of the most promising school years of her existence. Everyone is looking forward to a splendid season in all our athletics, especially in football because we expect to carry away the secondary championship again. Our athletic field has been put in perfect condition during the summer. In fact many improvements have been made around the college. The big bell which fell during a baseball celebration last spring is to be replaced. The dormitory has also received its share of improvements.

The fraternities are trying a new agreement this year. The rushing season lasts fourteen weeks making the spiking day January 15, 1910. At first this seemed rather difficult but now we find it very promising for we feel that we may be able to judge more satisfactorily after so long an acquaintance. This experiment is being very closely watched because it approaches so nearly the sophomore pledge idea which is being considered by so many chapters.

FLORENCE MCHATTON.

'07-ex Elizabeth Miller is now Mrs. O. S. Hack. Her new home is at 2239 Broadway, Indianapolis, Ind.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Delta chapter is happy to announce that she is fairly launched upon a year which gives promise of being an auspicious one in every way.

Fifteen of our girls came back and have all been eagerly engaged in doing the many things which are so necessary for the beginning of a successful year in the house as well as in the class room.

The Panhellenic association announced for this year, a three week's rushing season ending on pledge day, Saturday, October 9.

The university abounds with good fraternity material since nine hundred girls have been enrolled this year, an increase of almost fifty per cent over that of last year.

One annual custom of Delta chapter has been a spread one

evening the first week of college which has always proved a very enjoyable and happy event, since it gives all the old girls and new girls an opportunity to come together in an informal way. This, and an informal dance and a formal dinner comprise our three functions during rushing season.

All the girls of Delta chapter join in sending greetings and express the hope that other chapters will have as happy a year in every way as ours gives promise of being.

ANNIE STOPHLET.

'92 Mary Ross Potter, Dean of women at Northwestern university, has been nominated for second vice-president of the Association of collegiate Alumnae.

'02 Married, September 16, 1909, at Plainfield, Ill. Mildred Sonntag and Bert Franklin, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Harvard. Address: Bloomington, Ill.

'07 Born a daughter, Jane Mathilda, to Mr. and Mrs. Gustafson (Jane Mather). Address: 6947 Eggleston Ave. Chicago.

'08 Elsie Sonntag visited at the chapter house this fall.

'09-ex Born, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crane (Alice Pitts).

'09 Mary Gibson is teaching science in the Farmer City high school.

'09-ex Married, September 15, 1909, at Mechanicsburg, Ill. Lucilla Fullenwider to Chase Savage, '09, Beta Theta Pi. Address: Virginia, Ill.

'10-ex Margaret Niver has accepted a position with Mr. Royer, architect, in Urbana, Ill.

'11-ex Marion Moyer has accepted a position in the high school at Sheffield, Ill.

'12-ex Married in June, 1909, at Monticello, Ill. Mary Stevenson and Judge E. J. Hawlaker.

We are fortunate in having added to the university faculty wives two Thetas, Margaret Boynton Windsor (Mrs. P. L.) of Iota and Margaret Giboney Oldfather (Mrs. W. A.) of Nu.

EPSILON—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

The college year opened September 15 with an increase of thirty-six over the enrollment of last year. Our girls all came back a day or two early so that we had an opportunity to see and greet each other before the rush of college began. We miss sadly the nine who did not return this year, and our chapter of fourteen seems very small as compared to the unusually large chapter of last year. But there are compensations, for we find

we can become better acquainted when we are so few. At our first Friday evening meeting we celebrated the occasion by having supper in our hall, and enjoyed it as thoroughly as we always do enjoy such occasions.

The Panhellenic rules set pledge day for the first of November; but a new rule, made by the trustees of the university, forbids all pledging until the close of the first semester. Consequently we are now in the midst of a long and strenuous rushing season.

AMY G. MARCH.

'91-ex Grey Patterson has been a reviser in the catalogue division of the Library of Congress since May, 1903. On October 1 she sailed for London where she will spend her two months vacation.

'93-ex Born, August 23, 1909, a son, Robert E. Junior, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Esterley (Blanche Curry). Address: 612 E. 25th Street, Minneapolis.

'03 Margaret Elder was married August 26 to Ernest Weld. They will sail this month for India where Mr. Weld is to teach.

'09 Clara West is teaching biology in the college at Huron, S. D.

'09 Evelyn Lucas is studying in the library school at Cleveland, Ohio. Address: 51 Grassmere Street, East Cleveland.

'11-ex Ruth Lucas is to be married October 6 to Mr. Rohrbacher of Akron, Ohio.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The last week in September finds Eta chapter house once more astir with busy preparations for the new college year. Although the university opens later than usual this year, in accordance with the new vacation schedule, our plans for rushing have not been deferred. We are delighted to have with us in the house three freshmen upon whom we pinned the black and gold ribbons last year: Katherine Sherwood, Margaret Weart and Annie Williams.

Eta is very selfishly sorry that Louise Conner, ex-'10, will not be here for her senior year, as she announced her engagement this summer and intends to be married in the winter. She will return for the first two weeks of college, however, to give us a "helping hand," for which our appreciation is equalled only by our need. We are also waiting anxiously for her ac-

count of Convention. Julia Williams, ex-'11, also is to be married during the course of the coming year, and her sister Elizabeth, ex-'11, will stay at home to help her prepare for the interesting event. Although we are extremely sorry to lose Julia and Elizabeth, we are glad to have another representative of the Williams family in their younger sister Annie.

This summer the Detroit Thetas were delightfully entertained by Ethel Obetz and Louise Tuthill. We were fortunate in having with us Jean Goudie, '09, who was on her way home from the East where she and her father had been traveling for the latter's health.

We are glad to be able to tell our alumnae that during the summer many improvements have been made on the house, chief among which are new wall paper in the chaperone's room and tinting of the walls of the third story hall, not to forget a fine coat of paint on the outside.

This year we shall certainly miss the much prized visits of Mrs. W. B. Cady (Myra Post) as little Miss Elizabeth Cady is just now more anxious to play hostess than guest.

MARY MULHERON.

'03 Died, October 14, 1909, at Boulder, Colo. Mrs. Martha Chadbourne Brown (Mrs. Alden H.) charter member of re-established Eta.

'97-ex Born, October 16, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert K. Oakes (Harriet Waller) at Detroit, Mich., a daughter.

'00 Died, May, 1909, Julia Benson Foote (Mrs. Robert B.)

'03 Cora Wells Thorpe (Mrs. G. C.) is now at her home at Morris, Minn. Before her return from New York she had a visit from Elsie Sawyer who was on her way home after a year spent in Berlin. Captain Thorpe is on a five months' cruise and Cora expects to divide her winter between San Francisco and Seattle, taking work in both California and Washington state universities while west.

'03 Helen Post Steele (Mrs. W. D.) has a new address, Forest Avenue, Wilmette, Ill.

'04 Dr. Kathleen Anderson is an interne at one of the large hospitals in San Francisco. Address: 1040 Mason Street.

'04-ex Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Heap (Mary Robinson) a daughter.

'06 Esther Harmon sailed September 15 for Europe and will spend the greater part of the year in Weimer and Munich.

'06 Born, June 16, 1909, a daughter, Adelaide Lancaster, to Mr. and Mrs. Warren E. Emley (Annie White). Address: 812 Anderson Street, Pittsburg, Pa.

'06-ex Leila Love Brown (Mrs. Fred) has sailed with Professor and Mrs. Dorsey for a three years' stay in Europe. Professor Dorsey is head of the anthropological department of the Field Columbian Museum, Chicago.

'07-ex Regina Kingman is teaching in Panama. Her address is Ancon, Canal Zone, Panama.

'08-ex Ruth Manville Sinclair (Mrs. R. W.) has a new address, Flint, Mich.

'09 Jean Goudie is teaching in Ironwood.

'09 Mabel Mason is teaching French and English in Ishpeming.

'09 Agnes Carpenter is teaching Latin in Mancelona.

'09 Jean Goudie has announced her engagement to Benjamin Tuthill, Delta Upsilon, '09.

'10-ex The engagements are announced of Ethel Obetz to Dr. Alan Caneron Fullenweider, '09, and of Louise Conner to Joseph Teague of Wabash, Ind.

The commencement visitors at the Theta house last June included Jessie Harris Bachman, '94, Nan Harris Marting, '95-'96, Grace Moore Walser, '97-'99, Zoe Schurtz, '00, Bernice Bond Farnum, '06, Harriet Harrington Maynard, '04, Margaret Dresser, '07, Margaret Stockbridge, '08, Ruth Manville Sinclair, '04-'06, and Ethel Obetz, '06-'08.

IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY

The bustle of arrival is scarcely over, very few of us are really settled as yet, but we are already hard at work, and have almost forgotten the long, lazy days of last summer.

Rushing is the one, the important thing. It lasts six weeks, and we have many and varied Panhellenic rules covering almost any possibility that may arise. This year the entering girls were given slips bearing the names of the fraternities in the Panhellenic contract and such rules as were deemed advisable for them to know. October 1 there was a mass meeting of the fraternities under Panhellenic agreement. At this meeting the whole contract was carefully explained to the girls. Panhellenic gives a tea to the entire entering class October 6. The reception line will consist of the senior delegates from each

fraternity, the other seniors will pour, and the junior delegates will serve.

What a blessing that we are all so busy that we have not more time to miss the eleven girls who did not return to us this fall. We expect many visits from them however, for few Iota Thetas go long without a return to the welcome which they know always awaits them here.

October 2.

JEAN FINDLAY POTTS.

'95 On June 20, 1909, a daughter, Elizabeth Arnold was born to Mr. and Mrs. Phineas L. Windsor (Margaret Boynton). Mrs. Windsor's new address is care University Library, Champaign, Ill.

'98 Elva Young Van Winkle (Mrs. Charles Thorn) has been nominated for Bursar of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae.

'00-ex Born to Dean and Mrs. Alexander Meiklejohn (Nannine La Villa) a son, Donald Waldron, June 3, 1909.

'00 Nina Angell Roe (Mrs. David) has changed her address to Thurston Avenue, Cornell Heights, Ithaca, N. Y.

'05 Elizabeth Nichols is studying at the Church Training and Deaconess School in Philadelphia. Her address is 708 Spruce Street.

'05 Mary V. Waite is teaching Latin at Kemper Hall, Kenosha, Wis.

'05 Josephine Andrews, who obtained a master's degree in physical science at Columbia University, June, 1909, has been chosen to organize and manage a department in that subject at the Normal School of Winona, Minn.

'05 Carolyn H. Crossett who is an officer of the State Association for Woman's Suffrage, was one of the American representatives at the International Woman's Suffrage Congress held last April in London, England.

'07-ex Frances Fitch Pattison (Mrs. Roy Stuart) will move to Florida this fall.

'07 The wedding of Edna Lenora Mertz and Mr. Philip Durkee Carman, Sigma Chi, Cornell, ex-'07, occurred June 16 at Sedalia, Mo. Mrs. Carman's address is Main Street, Rockford, Ill.

'08 Helen L. McFarland's new address is 21st and Hildrup Streets, Harrisburg, Pa.

'09 Christine Avery has a position as chemist with the Shole Chemical Company of New York City. Her address is 44 West 131st Street.

'09 Lois Wing has been appointed assistant in the Department of Dairy Bacteriology of Cornell University. She spent the summer traveling in the West and had the privilege of meeting the girls of Omega, Phi, and Alpha Iota.

'09 Mary Reynolds Preston is director of music in the public schools of Catskill. Her address is 11 Liberty Street, Catskill, N. Y.

'09 Margaret Van Dusen has the position of teacher of science in the Lucy Cobb School at Athens, Ga.

'09 Julia McCormick is proctor at St. Agnes School, Albany.

'09 Sara Bailey's new address is 949 West Adam Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

'09 Elizabeth Clarke is acting as substitute in the Philadelphia High School.

'09 Ethel Whiteley is taking graduate work in Biology at Cornell University.

'10 The new address of Olive Whitson is Sage College, Ithaca, N. Y.

'11 Eliza T. Dickerson returned to college this year.

'12 Lillian Whiteley and Marie A. Beard did not return to college this year. We hope to have them both with us next year.

'12 Margaret Mandeville has a slight attack of pneumonia.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

The topic of greatest importance to our minds these days, is the rushing season. It ended September 25 and it ended with such good results for us that we are feeling cocky enough to crow. We issued nine invitations and every invitation was accepted. Our new freshmen are Fredericka Hodder, Letitia Blakey, Marie Miller, Nell Carraher, Margaret Forde, Beatrice Newmiller, Marguerite Stone, Lois Harger and Vera Atkinson.

Every one of our chapter except two undergraduates and of course, the seniors, was back a day or two before matriculation so that the house and we ourselves were in readiness for the busy rushing time.

Rushing was very easy this year. There were few rules and the invitations were issued the tenth day after matriculation day. The expenses were limited to fifty dollars a sorority and each sorority could have only one big party. Our one big affair was a luncheon.

Our house was partly repapered this summer and as each girl had taken home with her a list of useful articles which she herself was to get for the house, we have started out the year with new supplies of table linen, curtains, china, and many

other various and sundry articles. Then we spent our surplus funds on furniture and feel very dressy with a new buffet in the dining room and new furniture in the living room.

September 29, 1909.

MYRA ROGERS.

'04 Born, August, 1909, a daughter to Professor and Mrs. W. U. Moore (Nell Wilhelmi), Madison, Wis.

'08 Rebecca Moody has accepted the position of librarian in the new engineering building at the university.

'08 Born, September 24, 1909, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rankin (Alice Templin), Albuquerque, N. M.

'09 Lola Smart was back to stay a week end with us. She is assistant to the violin professor of Ottawa University.

'10-ex Married; June 30, 1909, at St. Joseph, Mo. Mary Clark to Mr. Percival Johnson. Address: Yankton, S. Dak.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

Rushing, the most popular recreation or vocation of the fall term, as the case may be, has not yet begun at the University of Vermont. The outlook is promising. One hundred and thirty freshmen have enrolled, and proved themselves victorious in the cane rush held annually on the college campus, back of the "Old Mill." College opened September 29 and rushing festivities are prohibited for two weeks.

Last year's chapter of twenty has become only eleven for this fall, but without a doubt there will be more than one brave recruit from the promising class of freshmen before winter arrives. Six girls graduated; four of our undergraduates did not return, of these two have gone to other colleges. Clara Perry, much to our regret, has gone to the University of Wisconsin, while Mary Simpson has gone to Mt. Holyoke. We shall miss these girls in our chapter life. Of the remaining girls, seven are together in Grassmount, the beautiful old college dormitory.

Up to the time of this letter, no events of any great importance have had time to occur, since college opened so late. Our chapter round robin letter, giving to us the news of convention, brings home to each one of us a realization of the bond of friendship uniting all Thetas, however remote.

October 2.

EDNA McMURRAY.

'89 Lucia Barney Downing Mrs. J. F.) of Erie, Penn. spent the summer at her summer home in Essex, Penn.

'97 Grace Wadley has organized a class in lip-reading in Burlington.

'99-ex Born, September 20, 1909, to Marion McIntyre Landon (Mrs. Guy E.) a daughter, Elizabeth.

'03-ex Helen Hodge is taking a history course in the university this year.

'05-ex Ruth Keese who has been spending the summer in this country with her family, returned to her work with Dr. Grenfell in St. Anthony's, Newfoundland. Miss Keese is full of enthusiasm about her work in the frozen north. She has already been with Dr. Grenfell two years.

'05-ex Married, July 14, 1909, Sarah Elizabeth Dean to Mr. Alfred B. Wray, Cornell. Address, Orchard Street, Ithaca, N. Y.

'06 Married, June 12, 1909, Hannah Elizabeth Holmes to Dr. Jacob C. Ross, Delta Mu, University of Vermont, '08. Address: Richmond, Vt.

'07 Married, September 28, 1909, Gertrude E. Thompson to Ephriam Smith in Brookfield, Mass. Address: Washington, D. C.

'08-ex Ethel Humphrey spent a few days in Burlington during the month of September.

'08-ex Ella Pine returned this fall to the university. She is taking the new course in home economics.

'08 Florence Votey has gone to Mt. Ida, Newton, Mass. to teach French and English literature.

'09 Molly Robinson is at home in Ferrisburgh, Vt.

'09 Shirley Deyette is teaching chemistry in Hinnesburgh, Vt.

'09 Marion Dane is teaching English literature and French in Proctor, Vt.

'09 Jennie Menut is teaching in Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

'09 Mary Root is teaching Botany, English and History in Enosburgh Falls.

'09 Miriam Hitchcock is teaching mathematics in Spaulding High School, Barre, Vt.

MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

The opening of college found all of the Thetas back but one girl, besides last year's seniors. The enthusiasm and spirit of the two girls who had been to Convention put new life into all of us; and we are hoping to make this year the most successful Mu has ever known.

A shorter rushing season than usual, three weeks in length,

has just ended with the pledging of eight freshmen, Dorothy Sansom, Beulah Grauel, Helen Dutton, Annie Bishop, Clara Hutchinson, Florence Griswold, Florence Senn and Musa Anchors. The first three named are Theta "sisters;" and we were more than delighted to have Dorothy Sansom's sister, Mary Sansom, drop in and surprise us all on pledging day.

Our Panhellenic contract this year was an improvement over those of former years in several respects. In the first place, the faculty were very much pleased with the incorporation into the contract of an article stating scholarship requirements for eligibility to membership in any fraternity. Moreover, rushing was carried on in a much more dignified manner than for several years; and on the whole a better spirit seems to have existed between the three national fraternities, in spite of the intense rivalry. This year, our one local organization, Theta Sigma, although not included in the contract kept its conditions faithfully, even refraining from asking girls until the Panhellenic "asking day."

Our rushing "functions" were four in number—a Saturday evening spread, a dinner in our fraternity dining room, an afternoon party and a large evening party. All of them were planned and carried out very successfully.

One of the pleasures which awaited us on our return to Meadville was the new paper in our fraternity rooms, which were formerly done in brown plaster. The chapter room is now in a plain green, and the dining room in a very pretty green and tan paper. The effect is wonderfully more homelike and cozy.

The absence of our College President, Dr. Crawford, on his Sabbatic leave of absence for the year 1909-10, makes some slight change in the arrangements on College Hill. Yet for the most part things have fallen into their accustomed grooves and we feel fortunate in having one so competent as Dr. Dutton to fill Dr. Crawford's place.

October 8, 1909.

GERTRUDE HILLMAN.

'99-ex Isabelle Clingensmith has resumed her position in McKeesport high school, having done graduate work in Columbia University during the summer.

'00 Claribelle Wilkins is teaching in the high school at Wilkesburg, Pa. ..

'01 Emma Edson is teaching in the Meadville high school.

'07 Iva Berkey was re-elected as Principal of the schools in Ligonier, Pa.

'07 Katherine Adams is an assistant in the English department of Allegheny College.

'07 Died, July, 1909, in Meadville, Pa. Martha Gaston Dunbar (Mrs. William).

'07 Amy Courtenay is teaching in Shelby, Ohio.

'08 Nulu Neale is teaching in the high school at Falls Creek, Pa.

'08-ex Phoebe Finley, formerly of McKeesport is now living in Warren, Pa. She is teaching at Glade Run, Pa.

'09 Julia Heibel is teaching in the Warren, Pa. high school.

'09 Katherine Illingworth is teaching in St. Mary's, West Virginia.

'09 Juanita Danford holds the position of instructor and officer in the Boy's Reform School of New York City, in Chauncey, N. Y.

'09 Helen White is pursuing graduate work in Geology and English in Bryn Mawr.

'09 Lenore Lytle is teaching in Warren, Pa.

'09-ex Mary Sansom is teaching in Clarion, Pa.

'10-ex Mary von Storch is attending Drexel Institute.

RHO—NEBRASKA STATE UNIVERSITY

Together again for a year of work and a year of fun! College has truly begun for Rho, quite unadulterated by any of the anxieties and pleasures of rushing that trouble the chapters who are trying the "long rush." For registration week is better known with us as "rush week" and with it ends the season of choosing and being chosen. Many of our old girls visited us during the strenuous time. On September 27, the Thetas at Nebraska had thirteen pledges to show to our college and now to introduce to you: Louise Northrop, Marie Hodge, Anna McCague and Ruth Lindley, from Omaha; Kathryn Windham, from Plattsmouth; Geraldine Gray, from Columbus; Florence Dutton, from Hastings; Marguerite Lloyd and Helen Kings-

ley, from York; Helene Peck, from St. Paul, Minn. and Julia Hainer, Helen Wallace and Marien Swezey, from Lincoln.

Jean Tuttle, '98, who is teaching in the Lincoln High School is chaperone of the house where seventeen girls have begun the year's life.

While we are welcoming each other and rejoicing over the new girls, we are missing the girls who can not be with us. Besides three of our four last year's seniors—Helen Day, Alice Batty and Lora McCoid—we have lost Mary Fahs, Olive Hammond and Faye Follette.

Already "bridge" is proving herself queen of our play time and she may be found ruling her groups of four in all corners whenever the girls are free from our sterner mistress, study.

Teaching the freshmen our songs has drawn the circle about the piano even more than ever this fall. Nearly every evening the town girls who can, stop at the house for a hearty round.

The beautiful fall days are so attractive that the house girls have been trying the woods at supper time. Picnicing is voted splendid.

The girls in town are already planning the house party which is held at the fraternity house every year during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Here's to all of you, Thetas old and Thetas new, a year of satisfaction.

September 29.

MARGARET WHEELER.

'95-ex Clara Walsh Leland (Mrs. Dean R.) formerly of Peekskill, N. Y., has returned to Lincoln.

'01 Jessica Morgan, after a year spent on the Pacific coast has taken a position in the Hebron High School.

'05 A son was born this summer to Dr. and Mrs. Damron (Sallie Agnew). We regret very much that Mrs. Damron has moved to Los Angeles.

'05 On September 2 Alice Towne was married to Fred Mills Deweese, Phi Kappa Psi. They expect to live in Lincoln until March.

'06 Martha Cline Huffman (Mrs. Y. B.) has moved to Alta, Iowa.

'06 A daughter was born July 23 to Mary Bedwell McNown (Mrs. Allan) of Omaha.

'07 A daughter was born to Edith Robbins Day (Mrs. Warren F.) August 28 in Richfield, Idaho.

'07 On September 29 at Crete, Neb. Mabel Dutch and Joseph Allan Murphy, Phi Kappa Psi, were married.

'08-ex A daughter was born September 14 to Agnes Langevin Stratton (Mrs. Archibald).

'08 Jessie Power is teaching in York High School.

'08-ex Silence Stuart Wilson (Mrs. Lloyd Bennett) has a son born last May.

'09 Helen Grace Day is teaching Algebra in the Beatrice high school.

'09 Alice Batty will spend the winter in California.

'09 Lora McCoid has announced her engagement to Guy Cox, Kappa Sigma, of Tacoma, Wash.

'11-ex Faye Follette is spending the winter in Philadelphia.

SIGMA—TORONTO UNIVERSITY

The members of Sigma chapter are at present very much interested in their new home, and very busy furnishing it and making preparations for our rushing season. During the summer a committee secured a room on College street a short distance from the university, which seemed to answer our requirements. On September 21 we obtained possession of it, and since then the furnishing committee have been accomplishing wonderful things to transform a "first floor front" into a cosy little Theta abode. Although college opened only two days ago, we gave our first tea in our own room today, and were quite proud of our efforts.

Registration day was earlier than usual this year, being on September 28. The students are returning gradually and soon we will be caught in the whirl of college life.

Several important events have taken place since our last letter was published.

During commencement week last June, the girls of the graduating class presented "The Princess," in Convocation Hall. Our three seniors, Mono McLaughlin, Edith Atkin and Ida Carpenter, took leading parts.

On Saturday of that week, the last thing before parting for the summer, we initiated two members of the year '12, Gertrude

Graydon and Jessie Fergusson, at the home of one of our active members. Afterwards we went down to the summer house in the garden and there had our refreshments and sang Theta songs.

This year we had our house-party in July at Port Stanley on Lake Erie, an entirely new place to the majority of us. We had a cosy little cottage in a charming spot and for two weeks thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Those who went to the house-party were especially fortunate, because they heard the convention news while it was fresh, as two of our girls, Marion Coats and Mary Kentner joined us on their way home from Chicago. Alice Ball also came to us from the Y. W. C. A. Convention at Elgin House, Muskoka, where she was sent as delegate from the Literary Society.

The Congress of the International Council of Women met in Toronto last June. It was very interesting to see the women of various nationalities who had assembled to discuss the means of rendering service to humanity. As their meetings were held in our university buildings, college girls were asked to usher and to direct the strangers from one building to another. All of the Thetas who were in Toronto at that time took their part in this duty and thoroughly enjoyed so doing.

September 30, 1909.

BLANCHE STEELE.

'07 Mabel Millman has returned to her home in Toronto after holding the fellowship in French one year at Bryn Mawr.

'07 The engagement is announced of Mabel E. Steele to Mr. Talbot C. Grubbe.

'08 Helen Thompson is still teaching in the high school in Welland, Ont.

'09 Mono McLaughlin is teaching French and German at St. Joseph's Convent at Brentwood, N. Y.

'09 Edith Atkin is teaching French in St. Agnes School, Belleville, Ont.

'09 Ida Carpenter is teaching French in Redwood, N. J.

'11 Alice Ball, as the result of the May examinations, won the William Mulock Scholarship for Mathematics and Physics.

Dr. McLean, Alpha Kappa, was one of the speakers of the Women's Congress which met here last June. Mrs. Mavor gave a tea to which

all of Sigma chapter then in the city were invited to meet her. We were very proud to own one of the noted speakers of the Congress as a Theta.

TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

With the exception of one new pledge, there is little of interest to tell you, because work in college hasn't begun yet. Monday was matriculation day and the usual lot of inexperienced freshmen appeared on the campus, some of whom were lucky enough to be piloted around by dignified upper classmen. An especially large number of girls came to the university this fall so that all the women's fraternities are finding splendid material. The matriculation statistics show that there are about a hundred more students this year than for any preceding year, and the registration for work in the new School of Engineering is larger than expected. Our gymnasium is not yet completed but the work is being pushed rapidly and it is hoped classes can be commenced there before long.

This is the second year we have gone through rushing season without a Panhellenic agreement, and for Theta, rushing has been easier than usual. With a few exceptions, rushing is practically over and we can now settle down and begin college work.

We are very proud to introduce to you our twelve new pledges: Mary Ashby, Helen Boiton, Helen Crawley, Sarah Doddridge, Jean Guernzy, Florence Herbert, Helen Hitchcock, Margaret Holton, Louise Nichols, Marguerite Pratt, Leone Terralt and Sarah Wheelock.

September 30, 1909.

EMMA C. HALL.

'06-ex Katharine Wilson will enter the university this fall as a junior.

'08 Gertrude Curme, who spent last winter in California is back in college this year to do post graduate work in English language.

'10-ex Elsie Ashby and Josephine Alexander have been with us during rushing season.

'12-ex Vera Short has been spending a few days with Evanston friends.

Ruth Baker, DePauw University, has a fellowship in German at Northwestern and will spend the winter here.

UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

No Letter

'90 Married, August 10, 1909, at St. Paul, Jessie Bradford to Edward John Veith. Address: 468 Dayton Avenue, St. Paul.

'98 Dr. and Mrs. Litzenberg (Elizabeth Fisher) have returned from their year in Europe and are at home at 2955 Chicago Avenue.

'99-ex Sorrow has come to Sophie Williams Small (Mrs. J. S.) who lost her daughter, Louise, aged four, by drowning at Lake Minnetonka in August.

'00-ex Married, October 7, 1909, at Harvard, Ill. Nella A. Williams to Robert M. Thompson, Minnesota, '95, Beta Theta Pi. Address: 701 Fifteenth Ave. S. E. Minneapolis.

'01 Dr. and Mrs. Bissell (Blanche Stanford) have bought a residence at 4412 Lake Harriet Boulevard.

'03 Mr. and Mrs. George Wheaton (Alice Jackson) have moved to 4031 Sheridan Avenue S.

'03-ex Nellie Kenney Brown has the sympathy of all Thetas in the loss of her mother who died September 24.

'05-ex Married, June 15, 1909, at Minneapolis, Katherine Bailey to Carl D. Carpenter. Address: 1023 Seventeenth Avenue S. E., Minneapolis.

'06 Married, September 28 at Billings, Mont. Emily Hyde to Dr. Lemont A. Gates. Address: Pompeys Pillar, Mont.

'06-ex Alma Pennock is teaching at Mendota, Wis. Address: care State Asylum.

'08-ex Born June 15, 1909, a daughter Elizabeth to Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Fowler (Ethel Ridgeway).

'09 Edith Knowlton is teaching domestic science in the high school at Ely, Minn.

'12-ex Married, June 16, 1909, at Minneapolis, Jean McMillan to John E. Morson. Address: The Plaze, Minneapolis.

Katherine Pond and Helen Joyce have gone to Smith college.

Jeannette Dall, Alpha Lambda's delegate to convention, spent two days in Minneapolis on her return.

Members of Upsilon and Beta Alumnae chapters had the pleasure of meeting Miss Pearl Green at a tea given in her honor at the home of Florence LaVayea.

Several of Upsilon's alumnae have visited in Minnesota during the summer. Blanche Higginbotham and Grace Lavayea who attended convention later came to Minneapolis. Bess Dockstader Francis visited her parents in St. Paul in July. Louise Chapman spent August at Bald Eagle and Helen Traver visited her sister, Mrs. Stockton, at Faribault.

PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

College opened with a burst of enthusiasm and every one of our eighteen active members came up the palm shaded drive to the university with this refrain on her lips or at least in her heart: "We are back again, we are back again, and all our hearts are gay."

Indeed we had every reason to have gay hearts with so many of our girls back, with a new drive, a newly shingled house, and new porch furniture. In fact we could not see how the freshmen could resist our charms, and it seems they could not, for today every one of the five we invited, walked into our house and arms. This gives us six pledges as Hazel Green, a sister of one of our seniors, was pledged earlier since our Panhellenic contract makes an exception for sisters of active members of a fraternity.

The rushing season has been but three weeks long this year but we are hoping for a year's contract next fall. Panhellenic has endeavored to make rushing as simple as possible this year and so we gave but one elaborate entertainment, a café dinner and vaudeville.

At present Stanford is intensely interested in dramatics and one of our girls, Elizabeth Russell, is business manager for the Schubert club production of "The Chimes of Normandy" to be given October 22. The English club presents "Twelfth Night" this evening in which two of our girls are to appear. While freshmen have been the one absorbing topic, we have not lost sight of our other college interests and our college work. Nearly every girl has some outside activity whether it be athletics, Y. W. C. A. work, dramatics or some other equally important though less conspicuous line.

September 25, 1909.

LUCILLE OZIER.

'97 Dr. and Mrs. T. M. Williams (Dora Moody) and family have returned from a year in Europe. They are living on the Stanford University campus where Dr. Williams is acting university physician.

'97 Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lawshe (Louise Pitcher) and two children this summer changed their home from New York City to Tacoma, Wash.

'97 Margaret Deming Moloney (Mrs. E. H.) has recently changed her address from Lima, Ohio, to Pacific Grove, Cal. where Mr. Moloney is the new rector of St. Mary's of the Wood. They have two daughters, Margaret, aged three, and Sheila, aged one.

'98 L. Pearle Green has resigned her position as Reference Librarian in the Stanford University Library to accept the position of Grand Secretary and Editor of the magazine of Kappa Alpha Theta. Phi chapter's great loss of her presence is only compensated for by our realization that thereby the best interests of Kappa Alpha Theta are served.

'02 Hazel Hope Webster Spencer (Mrs. H. R.) with her baby spent the summer in Palo Alto, Cal.

'04 Married, July 7, 1909, at Menlo Park, Cal. Clara Stevenson to Ensign Ferdinand Louis Reichmuth.

'04-ex Louise Van Uxem Chappell (Mrs. H. W.) of New York City spent the summer in California.

'04 Katherine Ethel Traphagen was married July 15, 1909, to Cyrus Millard Davis. After several months in the Hawaiian Islands, Mr. and Mrs. Davis will be at home in Altadena, Cal.

'05 Mabel Baum Smith (Mrs. C. W.) has a baby daughter, Frances Rena Smith, born June 24, Dacono, Col.

'07-ex Married, August 12, 1909, at Evanston, Ill. Ruth Forbes and Ralph Harrison Sherry, Sigma Chi, Stanford, '06.

'07 Ellen Stadtmuller has been given an important position in the Anatomy department of the University of California. She is one of the very few women on the faculty.

'07-ex In Chicago, Ill. on September 9, 1909, Mary Moore was married to Robert Cyrus Clark, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Clark will be at home after October 20 at 11 South Euclid Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

'08 Elsie Branner has announced her engagement to F. M. Fowler, Delta Upsilon, Stanford, '05.

CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Since college opened on September 21, we have been very busy with rushing. Pledge day here is matriculation day, owing to the inability of Panhellenic to agree on any later date. At present we have seven pledges: Josephine Buck, '12, Grand Lake Stream, Me. Blanche H. Day, Oneonta, N. Y. Allison Close, Gouverneur, N. Y. Marguerite Lux, Syracuse, N. Y. Ruth Morrison, Staten Island, N. Y. Edith Niles, Van Horns-ville, N. Y. Gertrude M. White, Adams, Mass. and Ruth M. White, Canajoharie, N. Y. Initiation will be over by the time

the Journal appears, so you may think of these girls as Thetas.

During the summer the chapter house has undergone some repairs. Among other things, it has been rewired, so we can now use our electric lights. Last year's seniors gave us a new lamp for the parlor. We are anxious to have you all come and see how fine we look.

There are some changes in our family this year. Bessie Wands has returned after a year's absence, and is a regular sophomore on the hill. Alice Simons, '11, and Fannie Dexter, '11, were unable to return on account of ill health. Virginia Hough, '12, has left us for Stanford university.

On Wednesday night, September 29, in John Crouse College, occurred the annual reception given by the sophomores for the entering class. Heretofore the upper classmen have tried to break it up and interrupt the speeches, but this year the Senior Council put a stop to all disturbance inside the building, and the underclassmen, for the first time, spent the evening in peace.

In college activities we are well represented, having girls on the Y. W. C. A. cabinet, Woman's Athletic Association and governing board, Women's league board, basketball teams and tennis teams. The work of the university is starting off in splendid shape and we look forward to a most prosperous year both in college and in chapter affairs.

September 30, 1909.

EDNA M. ACKERMAN.

'00 Mary Sweet, M. D., is teaching in the Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga.

'01 Irene Burrows Bentley (Mrs. Wayne) has moved to Hood River, Ore. She has a two year old son.

'03 Married, September 14, 1909, at Mexico, N. Y. May Baker to Mr. Harry Hurd. Address: White Plains, N. Y.

'03-ex Mabelle Howe Mable (Mrs. Clare) visited the chapter in September and hopes to be present at initiation.

'04 Married, June 15, 1909, Grace Ramsey to Mr. Albert G. Davis. Address: 5815 Ellsworth Avenue, E. Pittsburg, Pa.

'06 Married, August 25, 1909, at Syracuse, N. Y. Flora Anderson to Mr. Theodore Gattry, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Syracuse. Address: Montclair, N. J.

'07-ex Married, June 23, 1909, at Glens Falls, N. Y. Julie Whipple to Mr. Robert Sherman, Phi Gamma Delta, Colgate, '07. Address: Glens Falls, N. Y.

'08 Married, July 14, 1909, at Buffalo, N. Y. Blanch Merritt to Mr. Frank Lee Baker, Phi Kappa Psi, Syracuse, '06. Address: Yonkers, N. Y.

'09-ex Elsie Carter is teaching at Lodus, N. Y.

'09 Lois Frazee is teaching at Baldwinsville, N. Y.

'09 Helen Wombough has a position at Schoharie, N. Y.

'09 Bricea Wright is teaching at Perry, N. Y.

'09 Helen Wright is going on with her music on the hill this year.

'09 Married, September 8, 1909, at Syracuse, N. Y. M. Eloise Andrews to Mr. Harry Woolever, Phi Kappa Psi, Syracuse, '07. Address: South Bend, Ind.

'09 The engagement is announced of Carrie B. Fraser to Mr. Allan Hall, Zeta Psi, Syracuse, '09.

'10-ex Winifred Buck is studying music in New York City again this winter. She spent a few days at the chapter house in September.

'10-ex The engagement is announced of Ethel Northrup to Mr. Paul Scarborough of Columbia.

'11 The engagement is announced of Lillian Leonard to Mr. Charles Leonard, Zeta Psi, Syracuse, '09.

'12-ex Married, August 31, 1909, at Syracuse, N. Y. Helen E. Parker to Mr. Arthur P. Foreman, Psi Upsilon, Syracuse, '06. Address: 785 Warburton Ave. Greystone-on-the-Hudson, N. Y.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Eighteen girls are back for the annual fall rushing. We are enthusiastic with Convention to look back upon and good prospective members to look forward to.

Our stunts have been on just one day so we have no successes yet of which we can boast except two—Laura Gilman and Pauline Buell have just put on our pledge pin. In our next letter we shall tell you of more girls who have promised to join us.

Our university is continuing to grow rapidly. The registrar is a busy man indeed. Lathrop Hall, the women's building, which has been so much needed, is almost completed. It provides not only accommodations for women's athletics but also for the literary and social life of the girls. All the girls are

to dance there evenings—thus affording a splendid chance for fraternity and non-fraternity girls to mix.

On Monday of rushing week, Psi girls gave a play written by her own members. It was entitled "The Cucumber" and was composed of a cast of four.

September 27, 1909.

HELEN HUTCHISON.

'90 Harriet Bell Merrill is visiting at the house.

'05 The engagement is announced of Ethel Isabel Godwin to Mr. Phoenix, of Elroy, Wis.

'07 Married, August 28, 1909, in Chicago, Ill. Ruth Goe to Mr. Rex Welton, '07, Sigma Nu. Address: Madison, Wis.

'08 Married, June 30, 1909, at Monroe, Wis. Charlotte A. Churchill, to Mr. Arthur Benkert of Monroe. Address: Monroe, Wis.

'08-ex Marguerite Melick of Dodgeville, is at the house for rushing week.

'08 Ethel Elizabeth Churchill is teaching in the Sun Prairie High School. Address: Sun Prairie, Wis.

'08 Florence M. Brown is teaching domestic science in Bozeman, Montana.

'09 The engagement is announced of Clara Margaretta Eyland to Wm. Ward Davidson, '09, Psi Upsilon.

'09 Elva J. Caradine is teaching mathematics in the Platteville High School. Address: Platteville, Wis.

'09 Marion G. Peabody is teaching at Kemper Hall.

'09 Jean W. Donaldson, A. B. Columbia, is teaching in the Highland Park High School.

'11-ex Adah Fritz, of Monroe, Wis. is back to help us rush.

Ora Williams, Gamma, Psi affiliate, has a position in the Cincinnati Library. Address: care Cincinnati Public Library.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Again in college, we are busily engaged in both college and fraternity duties not, however, without deriving a great deal of pleasure from them. At first we were a little troubled about our chapter house finances but our house manager is so competent that we have come out ahead so far.

Rushing began with college work and will last until November 19. If the freshmen have enjoyed the rushing parties no less have we. Among the affairs given are a Revenue Cutter

party and a Spanish dinner followed by an evening of "stunts." But our gaieties have not been confined to freshmen alone, for on the night of Saturday, September 11, the Thetas enjoyed themselves at a small informal dance, at which all the girls were chapter members.

The new dormitory, College Hall, is proving a great success. Every room is occupied, and the girls like dormitory life. They have adopted self-government. Maude Cleveland, '09, was elected president. The new university library is steadily nearing completion. All the buildings on the campus are now to be heated by a new system. Steam heat is conducted by a subway from one supply station to all buildings. In addition to these improvements, several imposing entrances to the university campus are in the process of construction.

President Benjamin Ide Wheeler of this university has recently been awarded degrees of highest honor by the University of Berlin and he is there at present delivering the Roosevelt series of lectures. Prof. Morse Stephens is representing California at the inauguration of Harvard's new president. After that he will visit Spain to complete his study of the early history of California. Speaking of distinctions reminds us of honors that have lately been accorded to members of our chapter, namely the election of Dorothy Hart, '10, to Phi Beta Kappa in April, 1909; the graduation of Pearl Chase, '09, with honors in history; and the election of Pearl Chase, '09, and Maude Cleveland, '09, to the Torch and Shield Society.

Omega wishes a successful year to every Theta chapter, especially the very new ones.

September 27.

RACHEL K. MILLER.

'90 Born May 27, 1909, a daughter to Ruth Hobson Smith (Mrs. W. S. T.)

'98 Marion Whipple Garrettson (Mrs. E. A.) has been visiting at the chapter house.

'00 Born in August, 1909, a son to Minnie Ray Wilson Olney (Mrs. William).

'04 Married, September, 1909, Ida R. Wickson to Hudson Thomas.

'04 Married, September, 1909, Agnes Arneill (Phi affiliate) to Roy Reppy, Beta Theta Pi of Stanford.

'04 Ada Taylor recently visited at the chapter house.

'05 Married, July 15, 1909, at Milwaukee, Wis. Bertha Reuter to Julian Douglas Jones, Kappa Alpha, of Virginia. Address: 5413 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

'09 Maude Cleveland has been appointed assistant Dean of women in the university.

On the first Tuesday of every month the directors of our Alumnae association serve tea at the chapter house, to which all Thetas are welcome. They are "at home" from 3:30 to 5 P. M.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

We Alpha Betas have just had our first sophomore pledge day, and we feel, not only from the personal, but also from the broad and general point of view, that it has been a success. We feel that the sophomore pledge day, without the strain and a certain lack of sincerity that the shorter pledge day with its constant rushing entails, enables the fraternity girl to learn to know the freshman in a natural, normal way. We also feel that the scholarship requirement of a general average of C has helped to keep not only the freshmen but also the fraternity girls up to a standard of earnestness in regard to scholarship.

We are proud to introduce to you the six girls we have pledged, Mildred Hoodley, Vernon Waddell, Amy Baker, Carolyn Smedley, Lydia Green and Alice Mastin.

College opened on September 22 with every indication pointing to a successful year. The entering class is the largest in the history of the college. Wharton Hall, the boys' new dormitory, is completed, so that now the girls have the whole of Parrish Hall. Much enthusiasm is felt over the fact that we have football again, though subject, it is true, to certain regulations. From present prospects we are going to have a genuinely good team.

We wish for all chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta a most successful year.

PRISCILLA GOODWYN.

September 28.

'06 Mary Janney, who received the Joshua Lippincott fellowship of \$450 for the year 1909-1910, has gone to Berlin to study.

'07 Mabel Creth Sullivan will be married to Mr. Francis Holier, Swarthmore, '07, Delta Upsilon, on October 16, 1909.

'07 Mary Eliza North has announced her engagement to Mr. Arthur Chenoweth from Colorado.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Although college opened just a week ago today, I feel sure that the girls who have returned this fall, have drifted so naturally back into their places, that they scarcely realize there has been a vacation and that they have been separated from those whom they have grown to love the best. The opening of the fall term brings its regrets as well as its joys, for we know that we must sever the intimate connections with our last year's seniors and with those who have probably withdrawn from college forever.

College freshmen this fall are very fine fraternity material and we are all busily engaged in rushing. Pledge day is the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, so we have one more month of strenuous living, as all the fraternities are rushing about the same girls. In the next letter, I shall be able to tell you how successful we may have been. The night before Halloween, we will entertain with our big party, which we are now planning to make a dance or cotillion and spread at Greenport, about twelve miles from Columbus.

The football season opened successfully Saturday, September 25, with a score of 14 to 0 against Otterbein. We can boast this fall of a new iron fence around our athletic field with new ticket offices and turn-stile gates, better adapted for handling the large crowds.

Class officers and officers of the different student organizations will soon be elected and we are hoping the Thetas will make good on these occasions.

October 1 was the first twilight concert of the season. Monday, September 27, the Y. W. C. A. held a reception at Mrs.

Lord's house on Observatory Hill which was enjoyed by all present.

September 28, 1909.

RUTH EVANS.

'03 Mary Loren Jeffrey (Mrs. Walter) died August 23 at Columbus, Ohio.

'03-ex Mary Bohannon has been appointed general secretary of the Y. W. C. A. at O. S. U. for this year.

'05 Margaret Mank was married June 2, to Harvey Cashatt.

'05 Alice Marsh is teaching in the high school in Chillicothe, Ohio.

'05 Grace Dann was married to John Rudin, Phi Delta Theta, June 29.

'09 Helen Mackal has been appointed clerk in the registrar's office, Ohio State University.

'10-ex Clara Brooks is clerking in the Carnegie Library.

'10-ex Louise Groce, of Circleville, Ohio, was married to Frank Bennett, June 16.

ALPHA DELTA—WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

The week after college closed we held our annual house party on the eastern shore of Maryland. A great many of our alumnae spent a delightful week with us.

College opened September 28 with all of the Alpha Delta girls back except two sophomores, Margaret Gutileus and Laura Gary. We were glad to welcome into our midst Alice Ward, '11, from Northwestern.

The rushing rules for this year are practically the same as those for last year, pledge day coming November 6. Each fraternity may give both a formal and an informal function besides several informal teas. We are planning a house party for October 22-23 at a country place just outside of Baltimore and expect to give our informal function at the home of one of our alumnae.

The freshman class, one of the largest that has ever entered the college seems to have a great deal of promising fraternity material.

Since last year a new science building has been added to the college and our old buildings have been greatly improved and

thus increase the present usefulness of the Woman's College of Baltimore.

October 13.

RUTH TAYLOR.

'98 Born to Harriet Baker Ewalt (Mrs. Harry) a son, Harry, Jr.

'08 Adelaide Wilde Porter was married October 2 to Mr. Samuel Thompson.

'09 Lucy Yancey is attending a library school in Atlanta, Ga.

'09 Katherine Lindsay is substituting in the high school in Baltimore.

'09-ex Marguerite Cunningham was married in September to Mr. Lewis Woodworth Parks, a Sigma Chi.

'10-ex Nancy Pusey is expecting to visit Katherine Lindsay in Baltimore this fall.

'12-ex Margaret Gutileus will visit Baltimore November 1.

ALPHA EPSILON—BROWN UNIVERSITY

After a pleasant summer the Alpha Epsilon girls were glad to be together again. We regret that three of our members have left college—two on account of ill health.

This year at Brown we have an intersorority contract which limits each fraternity to one rush party and permits no individual rushing. The invitations to freshmen are to be given at the beginning of the second term, in January. Alpha Epsilon takes pleasure in announcing that Arline Field, '11, is pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta.

A house party in June was enjoyed by eight of our chapter at Matunuck Beach, R. I. The week was spent in long walks, drives, bathing and "sings" down on the sand by moonlight.

Rapid progress is being made on the John Hay library. In the present university library, there is a model of the new building, which shows a square white stone structure, beautiful in its simplicity and dignity. It is hoped to dedicate this new library at Commencement time next June.

The women's college is very happy in the expectation of a new dormitory. Land opposite the gymnasium was presented to the college last year and on this, the dormitory will be erected. We expect it to be ready for students next fall. It will accommodate about forty-five girls, whereas the present dormitory can conveniently hold only twenty.

The Y. W. C. A. reception for the freshmen was held Friday evening, September 24. We have an unusually large freshman class, and it seemed as if they were all there, for new faces prevailed. It was a jolly evening and the upperclassmen feel that now they are a little bit in touch with the new girls.

On September 26 Miss Ross, matron of the dormitory, gave a tea to which all the women's college was invited. It was a pleasant affair and made us still better acquainted with our freshmen.

September 27, 1909.

MARJORIE PHILLIPS WOOD.

'08 Ruth Foster has returned to college to study for her master's degree.

'10-ex Eunice Clark Waters (Mrs. Chester C.) has changed her address from Swansea, Mass. to 122 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'11 Rachael Coolidge has left Brown to finish her course in a California college.

ALPHA ZETA—BARNARD COLLEGE

Alpha Zeta sends greetings to all her sister chapters. After our delightful summer, here we are again at college ready to begin work in earnest.

Pledge day, much to the relief of all, has been changed from the first Monday in April to the first Monday in December of sophomore year. This gives us plenty of time to make all the real friendships necessary as well as time enough to rush effectively in a quiet, dignified manner.

Just at present we at Barnard are very much interested in the Hudson-Fulton celebration, many of the chief features of which we can witness from the windows of Fiske Hall. New York City is in gala array and the "lordly Hudson" looks more magnificent than ever.

During the second week in June of the summer just passed, Alpha Zeta had a most enjoyable time at her house party at Quogue, L. I. It was a great success in every way and we have all agreed to make it an annual affair. If you really want to have a glorious time girls, have a house party.

Panhellenic has not yet made any rules in regard to rushing,

but we are hoping that they will restrict it to some extent, so that the sophomores now being rushed will not be utterly worn to a shred by the time they are ready to become actively engaged in fraternity work.

Our delegate is so full of enthusiasm about convention that we can hardly wait to hear what she has to say in her official report.

Good wishes to you all for a successful and happy year.

September 29.

ETHEL LORD SHAW.

ALPHA ETA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Vacations are over and lessons here again. These opening days have been very strenuous ones for us, for this year Vanderbilt had a short rushing season—that is short for her—of ten days. All know what that means—rushing, parties, spreads. We returned eleven old girls so only a few more were needed to round out our circle.

The season's fun was opened with a reception given in honor of Kappa Alpha Theta to all the girls in college by Mrs. Jones—the wife of Dr. Jones of the faculty and mother of one of our sophomores. There we met all the new girls.

On September 18 we entertained the freshmen with a picnic in Centennial park. Monday night the 20th we gave our annual big party at the home of Stella Vaughn, where eight of our girls live.

For some years past, one of our alumnae, Rosa Ambrose, '07, has given the chapter a delightful trip to Craigie Hope, a little summer resort in the hills near Nashville. This year it was an unusually jolly party of thirty. A special car carried us to our destination where we were soon off to visit old haunts—the never failing Lover's leap, the Mill, the swinging bridge, the wading hole and Willow Brook farm. Toward dusk we returned to the hotel, closed now for the winter but opened for our use that day, and all sat around on the floor enjoying a good, old-fashioned spread.

On the afternoon of September 23, Alpha Eta chapter gave

a reception to alumnae, members of the faculty and their wives, in honor of Rosa Ambrose, who was married on September 28.

The near future is also bright with promised fun—entertainments by our patronesses, the literary society, football games. Between duties and jollities we see few moments left for any of our freshmen to grow homesick.

Here's every wish for our own and our sister chapters success for this college year.

September 27, 1909.

ELEANOR RICHARDSON.

'01 Martha Maney Maslin (Mrs. Thomas) was in Nashville this fall.

'05 Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Widner (Louise Wilson) a daughter, Louise, May 6, 1909. Mrs. Widner and small daughter visited in Nashville this fall.

'06 Louise Bang was married June 2 to John Fisher, Delta Tau Delta. During the past year Mr. Fisher was an instructor in French at Vanderbilt University. They left immediately for France where Mr. Fisher will study for his Ph. D.

'07 Sophie Ambrose Burns (Mrs. L. H.) with little son, was in Nashville all summer visiting her parents. She remained until after her sister's wedding, September 28.

'07 Rosa Ambrose was married September 28 to Mr. Ralph Dowd. Their future home is Goodrich, Tenn. where Mr. Dowd is in charge of the iron works.

'08 Annie Love Dowdell was married August 11 to Mr. William Denson, a lawyer of Birmingham. Mr. and Mrs. Denson are now in Europe on their wedding tour. They will be at home in Birmingham after November 15.

'08 Elizabeth Young visited Elise Handly in Nashville during our rushing season. She returned September 29 to her home in Memphis where she is teaching in St. Mary's Episcopal School.

'09 Agnes Amis is teaching in Landor College, Greenwood, S. C. On her way there she stopped in Atlanta for a few days' visit with Lucy Yancy, Alpha Delta, '09.

'09 Nannie Meem Lewis is teaching in Farmville, Va.

'11-ex Julia Sweet Chester is teaching this winter at St. Faith's School, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

'11-ex Katharine Hammond visited friends in the city last week.

Mary De Bar of Alpha Xi spent a day with us on her way to college.

ALPHA THETA—TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

No Letter

ALPHA IOTA—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Alpha Iota chapter extends a hearty welcome to its new sister chapters: Alpha Omicron, Alpha Nu and Alpha Xi, and wishes them every sort of good fortune in their new relation as members of our family.

Alpha Iota chapter has a goodly number with which to start the year, and a prospect of obtaining many desirable freshmen. The rushing season has been a pleasant one, and tolerably free from the usual anxiety; competition with other sororities has been slightly felt.

Those of us who were unable to attend last convention are already looking forward to its next meeting, so alluring were the tales of the fortunate ones who were present.

Washington University is elated over the near prospect of holding services in its new chapel. Before dedicating it, we await the return of Mrs. Graham who presented the university with Graham Chapel. The building is unique in its structure, being modeled after King's Chapel, Cambridge.

An organization has been re-formed among the girls of the university, which seems to me especially needful in coeducational schools and those in which sororities exist. It is composed of one representative from each class in the sororities, and one representative of each class from the non-sorority girls. The purpose is that of promoting a closer friendship among the girls, and incidentally "To keep an eye on the freshmen."

Alpha Iota is proud to "own" two of the vice-presidents of their classes—sophomore and junior. ALICE H. MILLER.

'06 May Hamilton will again be with us while engaged in some special courses at the university.

'09 Mildred Spargo has received a fellowship in chemistry to Western College, Oxford, Ohio.

We are glad to have with us for this year Grace Nash of Alpha Theta who has received a fellowship to the school of philanthropy of St. Louis and Lucretia Whitehead of Psi who has also received a fellowship in the same subject.

We were fortunate enough to have Lois Wing of Iota pay a visit to us.

ALPHA KAPPA—ADELPHI COLLEGE

We have been so fortunate as to secure for our fraternity home this year the same apartment we so much enjoyed last year. At present we are very busy getting settled and preparing for our rushing season which is to be the longest one ever tried at Adelphi. Pledge day will be late in the spring.

The Y. W. C. A. was at home to 1913 informally on Friday, September 24. This gave the freshmen a pleasant opportunity to meet many of the upperclass girls and the faculty.

The Women Students' Association has introduced the point system this year to regulate the holding of offices in the college.

The Panhellenic tea, which is given to the whole freshman class each year will be on October 16.

We have heard so much from the five Alpha Kappas who attended convention that we are all looking forward with great enthusiasm to the next one and planning how we are going to get there.

September 30, 1909.

MARGUERITE SUTPHIN.

'05 Grace Commiskey and her sister, Marjorie Commiskey, ex-'09, are spending the winter with their brother at Fort Riley.

'09 Isabel Kelly had a pleasant summer in Europe.

'09 Edna Stoughton has just returned from abroad.

'09 Edna G. Reilly passed the city examinations last June with the highest average in her class.

'11 Estelle Conselyea spent the summer abroad.

ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

This is an unusual year for us in many respects. The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition lengthened our summer vacation to four months. Monday, October 4, college registration begins and with it comes rushing under our new Panhellenic rules—an entirely new departure for Washington. The newly adopted rules are:

I. Pledge day shall be two weeks from the first registration day.

II. There shall be no rushing on the campus until three o'clock.

III. Sisters and daughters shall be subjected to rushing rules through rushing season.

IV. No girl may live at a sorority house a week before her registration day, or at an active girls house a week before registration.

V. There shall be no rushing of active Seattle High School girls in sorority houses.

VI. There shall be no communication with the rushees on the Sunday before pledge day.

VII. Written bids shall be handed out by the secretary of Panhellenic at 3 o'clock on pledge day. The secretary shall hand them out from her sorority house.

We expect to open the year with three seniors, four juniors, and four sophomores all of whom are arriving from their homes this week and will spend the remaining holidays sewing rag carpets, stenciling curtains and framing pictures for our new chapter house of which we are justly proud. We hope later to send a copy of the plans so now it suffices to say that it receives the admiration of all who view it.

In Seattle during the summer months meetings were held every two weeks. We were glad to meet several of our eastern sisters who were visiting the fair. Open rushing was practiced all summer and the active members residing in Seattle with the aid of our Alpha Lambda alumnae are to be congratulated upon their many and various "stunts."

Early in July a launch party was given on Lake Washington. From August 23 to 29 Mrs. Robert Evans, nee Hermie Sherman gave her summer home at Eagle Harbor for the use of the girls. During the week relays of six girls for two days each enjoyed a most glorious outing.

Early in September two very successful automobile parties were given. The jolliest time was probably the night the girls treated their friends to Pay Streak. Summer rushing closed with a very elaborate Japanese luncheon.

The college year of 1909 is looked forward to as being the

best in the history of Washington. With six new buildings, complete equipment, a good faculty, the promise of a large enrollment, and a football team that is the equal of last year's, a bright year is before us.

September 29, 1909.

NAN M. DRUMMOND.

'04 Married, June 12, 1909, at Snohomish, Wash. Carrie Heffner to Edward D. Alexander, Sigma Chi. Address: 5516 12th Avenue, Seattle.

'07 Married, September 15, at Tacoma, Florence Baptie to Dwight Evans, Delta Chi. Address: Tacoma, Wash.

'07 Married, June 26, 1909, in Seattle, Hernie Sherman to Robert Evans. Address: South Seattle, Wash.

'08 Nellie Mae Dunlap has returned from an extensive trip through the Southern states visiting relatives in Kentucky.

'09 Buelah Faye Smith is teaching German and English in the Chelan high school.

'09 Hazel Almon Blake is teaching in the Grand View high school, North Yakima, Wash.

'10-ex Bessie Grahame will teach this year in Spokane.

Beside our delegate, Jeannette Dall, Lillian Lohman, Vera McIntosh and Nellie Mae Dunlap represented Alpha Lambda at the convention.

ALPHA MU—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

.. It is only a little while since we came back, all overjoyed to be together again, but a great deal can happen in a very short time, and we have been busy indeed. First we were busy settling ourselves into our new house, with which we are most delighted. We think it is ideal and there are many so good as to agree with us. Secondly, we have been busy learning to know the new girls.

The fraternities agree that this has been the hardest rushing season we have ever had here. This is partly owing to the increased competition, for where there were only two fraternities for years, there are now four. It is also due, in a large measure, to our Panhellenic rules, which, though they gave us a fairer opportunity to know new girls, also prolonged the rushing period and made it more difficult in several ways. All entertainments were more elaborately planned than before. Each fraternity was given one night when no other would entertain.

Each fraternity gave a dance; two gave their dances in the hall here for such functions. But not one of them was blessed with a house like ours—so well arranged that we could give our dance at home.

We feel satisfied with our attainments, and it is with great pride we present our eleven pledges: Caroline Tull, Ruby Ritchie, Mary Williams, Archie Cook, Eloise Bramlitt, Jem Wilson, Elizabeth Phillips, Mary Anderson Summers, Mary McKinley, Romaine Roach and Velma Johnson.

October 1, 1909.

LOUISE NORTON.

ALPHA NU—UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

With great joy, now as Thetas, do we launch forth into our first year, and feel a new and great delight in taking advantage of our first opportunity to talk with all of you. We feel that by most people little is known of our young but aspiring university.

Although, on account of Panhellenic ruling, no one shall be pledged unless she has twelve hours credit in the university, nevertheless we have had our eyes open from the very first for any promising material; and because of the fact that there is to be no rushing until the second semester, our interest will be ever at its highest pitch.

Theta was the first fraternity to start the social whirl, when it entertained all women of the university at tea in honor of Sigma Tau Gamma, a new local sorority petitioning for Delta Gamma. The tea was given in the Kappa Alpha Theta suite in Woman's Hall, and the rooms were artistically decorated with yellow roses and Theta ribbons.

Under the administration of President Duniway, our university is fast laying aside its younger methods, and is striving to attain that which stands for a higher and broader education. The faculty has been enlarged, and the number of departments increased.

We have with us in Missoula this year, Helen Stanford Fernald (Mrs. Frank), of Upsilon chapter, and also Miss Ethel

Orvis of Tau chapter. At the time of installation in July we had no prospects of having any other Thetas in Missoula this year, and the knowledge of their being here urges us on to still greater efforts for a successful year.

September 27, 1909.

FAY WRIGHT.

ALPHA XI—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Alpha Xi started its very promising first year on September 22, the opening day of college. Of course we were all anxious to find out how it felt to be a "national."

Heretofore we have always had some pledges before college opened and to return this year with only prospects, made things look rather dark, especially as the other fraternities had been pledging all during the summer. However, we have been able to maintain our own. We have pledged three freshmen, one junior and two of our old Beta girls, who were unable to attend our installation, Cornelia Pinkham and Adah Allen. Our freshmen are Ethel Clarke and Roy Zimmerman from Portland, and Mary Aiken of Astoria. The junior is Willetta Wright of Albany, Oregon, where she has taken her first two college years at Albany college. We also have Marjorie Holcomb, a sophomore affiliate from Phi. With these girls we have a very happy house full. Only one of our girls did not return to college this year, Hazel Brown, '11, who is at home in Portland.

There are now three national fraternities at the University of Oregon, but no local Panhellenic has as yet been established.

Our initiation has been set for Friday, October 14. The few Thetas who are in Oregon, not attending college at the present time, are expected here for initiation. Our house is hardly large enough for the accommodation of them all, but Mrs. Barker, a Theta from Psi, has kindly offered to entertain part of them.

So far the social functions have been very few on account of the new ruling of the faculty, that no fraternity or club may entertain formally during the first month of the college year.

This has put our receptions for the faculty and student body, and for our house mother, a couple of weeks into the future. However, we have entertained with two or three informal dances.

Alpha Xi is more than proud of its new charter and is going to do everything in its power to maintain the standard of Kappa Alpha Theta.

October 12.

IONE LAMBERT.

'07 Married, September 1, 1909, at Portland, Ore. Mary Lela Goddard to Mr. Horace Fenton, Kappa Sigma, M. D. Johns Hopkins. Address: 1601 N. Broadway, Baltimore, Md.

'08 Winnifred Hadley is taking a course in nursing in San Francisco.

'08 Helene Robinson is living at her home in Portland, Ore.

'08 Jessie Chase is teaching in a high school at Marshfield, Ore.

'09 Kate Fullerton is at her home in Rosebury, Ore.

'09 Susan Hayes is teaching at high school in Fossil, Ore.

'09 Frances Nelson is teaching at Albany high school, Albany, Ore.

'09 Gladys McKenzie, Portland, Ore. is a guest at the chapter house.

'09 Winnifred Cockerbin is at her home in Eugene, Ore.

'11 Hazel Brown is unable to attend college this year. She is living at her home in Portland, Ore.

Marjorie Holcomb, who was initiated into Phi chapter last Christmas, has been received as an affiliate in Alpha Xi.

ALPHA OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

College opened three weeks after our installation, with eleven active members in the chapter.

The first week we pledged three girls, who were in college last year: Anna Higginbotham of Bowling Green, Mo. Callie Goodrich who has two sisters in the chapter, and Agnes Lindsay of Norman. The other sororities, all of which are local, began pledging the new girls immediately, but we are to wait until October 1, so that we may know what is Theta material.

Our friends have been very generous in giving gifts to the new chapter. The alumnae have undertaken to furnish us with our paraphernalia. All the other gifts are for our dining room, silver and china.

In a university as young as ours, the question of growth is

always of interest. We are glad to say that the enrollment is seventy-five above the number at this time last year.

The most pleasing sight on the campus, though not exactly a beautiful sight, is the excavation for the new main building. Since the old main building burned, we have been very crowded. This is the first step in the development of the new architectural system laid out by Shepley, Routan and Coolidge. It is all to be Gothic in style.

We consider ourselves very fortunate in living in the finest residence in town. It belongs to ex-president Boyd and since his family are spending this winter in New York, we were able to get a chapter room and bed rooms in this house.

Alpha Omicron wishes again to thank all the chapters for their kind words of welcome and good wishes which were received during the installation of the baby chapter.

September 25, 1909.

NINA BESSENT.

'07 Merle Edelweiss Newby will continue her studies in Paris another year.

'07 Mary Alice Boyd is spending the winter in New York. Address: 156 Fifth Avenue.

'07 Adelaide Loomis will take her M. A. degree in the University of Oklahoma in June.

'08 Ruby Givens is teaching music in Mountain View this winter.

'09 Yetta Alden is principal of Mountain View high school.

'09 Nellie Robinson will spend the winter at her new home in Kansas City, 2335 Euclid Avenue.

GAMMA ALUMNAE—NEW YORK CITY

At our last meeting Gamma Alumnae elected Miss Aurelie Reynaud president for the ensuing year, Miss Titus our efficient president for the past three years now retires to take up the still more active duties of district president.

The various alumnae chapter letters are read with much interest by Gamma Alumnae. We are always desirous of learning of such work as other alumnae chapters have undertaken and found practicable. We find, however, that owing to the great distances we have to travel in and about New York to get to-

gether, those delightful social home affairs which so many of our alumnae chapters enjoy are an impossibility for us. We also find that the time of our various members is so fully occupied with home, church, school and charity, that our work thus far in these lines has necessarily been done by individual effort rather than by concerted action of the chapter.

At last year's meeting the discussion of our constitution was educational and beneficial. The one thing of which we as a city chapter are justly proud is the splendid work during the past year of our Help Committee under the efficient chairmanship of Miss Florence Durstine whom both the West and East claim.

The object of this Committee is to be of service in any way possible to Kappa Alpha Thetas coming to New York City or who are in its vicinity. The letters of appreciation which have been received from Kappa Alpha Thetas in different parts of the country for the assistance which they have received from this Committee makes us feel that Gamma Alumnae in taking up this work has quietly undertaken to practice President Elliott's much discussed new religion, "Service to Others."

October 1, 1909.

MAUD FOLKS.

IOTA ALUMNAE—LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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